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PURSUING UNMANLY TACTICS

MAJORS FAILS TO FIND LODGMENT FOR THE POISONED ARROW.

Graham Exonerates Himself from the Grave Charges of Suspicion—His Life an Open Book—Brand Men And not Professions.

In The Freeman of March 6, Dr. M. A. Majors makes an attempt to reply to my criticisms in your issue of Jan. 30. It took him a long while to get up his reply, and then he fails to answer a single question which I asked him. Attempting to give a moral lecture, he says that "Character is nothing to religion, any more than an elephant to a crocodile." Then when I ask for light upon this new system of moral philosophy which finds no relation between religion and character, he considers my questions irrelevant. Well, this is not strange, but proves his logic to be on par with his philosophy. Neither does he think it necessary (or safe) to name the parties he charges with gross immorality, preferring to brand colored preachers and college professors in general with being seducers and libertines. He quotes liberally from me to help himself out and he is welcome to all the aid it gives him. But one thing I will remind him of, that I have never been cowardly enough to publish that a preacher or a doctor had been guilty or accused of a misdeed without giving the name of the accused and the character of the accusation. I never brand a profession, but men, never accuse a class, but individuals. To do otherwise is the veriest cowardice.

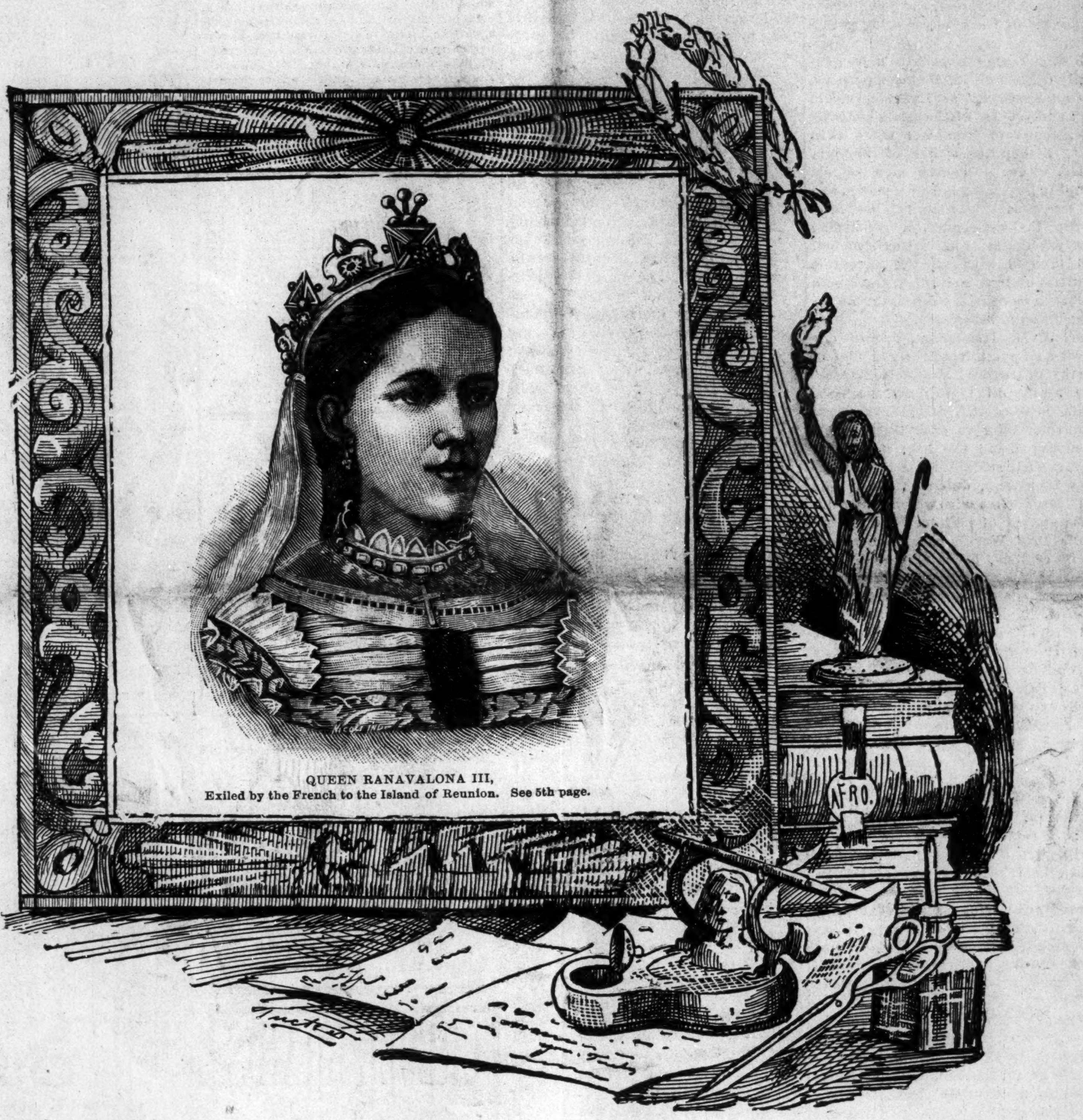
Pursuing the same unmanly tactics he seeks to strike me in the back by saying that I have been under suspicion for many years. Suspicion of what? Why did not the coward tell it all while he was at it? Because he could not make his point by telling the truth. So with the same frankness that seemed to help him so much in my last article I will acknowledge the truth that he may have more material to work upon. He says I have been under suspicion since '93 and that I know the charges. Well, now, let me see: In '93 I was serving my first year in Bethel church, Chicago, which was then the leading church of the city or in the West. I was returned to that influential charge three times upon the demands of the congregation, even though one year the Bishop and conference wanted me very much for a higher position. In fact I was asked for the fifth year as soon as the general conference passed the five year law, but Bishop Arnett informed them that I was needed worse at another place, and that he had already arranged for my transfer, hence could not grant their request. Now this looks like I was under some awful suspicion, don't it?

Bishop Arnett appointed me to the present charge where I was well known, by the urgent request of the officiary of the church. He thus, by the demand of the people, returns me to my native state where I had previously spent twenty-five years of my life as a child, as a teacher, and as a preacher. Still it becomes Dr. Major's duty to tell these people and the people of Chicago that I have been under suspicion for many years. What a pity that he did not imform my congregation of that fact years ago so that they might have kicked me out according to my own teachings. But I promised to help the learned "elephant and crocodile" moral lecturer out by confessing, and I will do so:

During a municipal election in Chicago I could not see my way clear to follow the popular side of a certain ward contest. True to principles, I came out boldly for the unpopular side, and this caused quite a sensation. I was not "suspicioned," but openly accused of selling out. Notwithstanding this, and with all the odds seemingly against me, my side won in the contest, the majority of the colored people coming over to my position. Of course for a time the opposition made the air red with their vituperations and excoriations, but when the heat of the political strife had cooled, and men took their sober, second thoughts they saw that I was right. By the end of the conference year, churchmen and citizens vied with each other in demanding my return. And this is the suspicious part of my life which this moral lecturer (?) would insinuate was something dastardly. My life is an open book. Seventeen years of public life in Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois have been so spent as to make me a welcome visitor at all times in every community in which I have lived, and my bitterest political enemies (which are the only kind I have yet made) have never stooped to utter a word against my moral character except in the manner above related.

Leaving personal vindication for more important matters, principles of reform, I must say a word. I favor the free and full exposition of criminals when they cannot be reached by course of law. The latter should always be applied to first, and if we are satisfied that justice has miscarried and there is no other recourse, then publish the guilty one; not some one but the one. We should not make vague charges but direct ones. I don't believe in lynch law, whether it be by kuklux or by newspaper assassins. Those who would rob men of their reputation by insinuations and hints when they do not dare to put them in the form of direct accusations, are moral assassins and instead of strengthening the morals of the race, are weakening the same. We are not only weakened in the eyes of the world but our young people, being made to believe that the leaders, whom they have trusted with implicit confidence are, after all, but moral hypocrites, will conclude that religion is a farce, morality a sham and character an outer garment to be used as occasion dictates. Our reformers and moral lecturers should themselves be men who can defy the world and who bear a good reputation, at least where they have lived. Then they should have enough intelligence, motherwit or horse-sense to know that religion has more to do with character than "elephants have to do with crocodiles." Dr. Majors is lacking in all of these qualities and therefore should resign his job in favor of some one possesing these qualifications and who is not a moral coward. Yours for the race.

D. A. GRAHAM, Bethel A. M. E. Church, Indianapolis, Ind.



QUEEN RANAVALONA III,
Exiled by the French to the Island of Reunion. See 5th page.

A BRAVE MINISTER PLEADS

WITH HIS CONGREGATION TO BOYCOTT WHITE MERCHANTS

Who Insult Colored Ladies—He is Threatened But Stands His Ground—Kind of Men Wanted—Local Happenings.

Holly Grove, Ark., Special.

A few days ago a white man kicked a respectable colored lady out of his store here, because she gave him some impudence? The Negroes of this town made a great bluster and blow over the matter, but as usual like the catfish, his rantings amounted to all head and jaw. On the following Sunday the ministers of this community, lead by Rev. E. M. Argyle of the A. M. E. church, denounced the act as outrageous and a test of Negro manhood. Rev. Argyle asked the Negroes to be men, and not be so affraid of death. He said that the Negro who would spend his money in a store where a colored lady had been mistreated was an enemy to the race, and should be ostracised. Rev. B. Lee of the C. M. E. church took up the cudgel of denounciation at his night services, and the result has been that this white man has gotten but little Negro patronage since. Rev. Argyle has been highly commended by his congregation and the public generally, for his manly utterances and defiant stand. Notwithstanding some contemptable "chinch-head truckler" tried to set the white people against him.

We need a manly minister in the South; we need men who will boldly denounce wrong; we need men who will fearlessly point the race to a higher plane of manhood; not the ranting ignorant, incendairy, fire-eating fool, but calm reasoners, cool and deliberate, yet firm and manly men; the race is always bettered by such preachers. The pie counter Democrats of this neck o'woods are getting less garrulous, are now struggling with might and main to hold on to the crumbling crust. They are thinking that President McKinley is a mighty nice man and will have compassion on them. Maybe he will? The appointment of Gen. Powell Clayton, the old Republican war horse of Arkansas, to the Mexican Mission, meets with general favor among his ardent supporters. Gen. Clayton is well worthy of any honor bestowed upon him by the present administration.

Dr. L. E. Duncan, the only colored practicing physician of this (Monroe) county is a subscriber to The Freeman. He is an up-to-date all around physician and has a large practice. Mr. D. C. Dial, our leading colored merchant, has subscribed for The Freeman. Mr. Dial is a candiate for the post office of this place, and can't afford to be without the leading Negro journal of the United States. Mr. Wm. G. Bobo also handed ye scribe his subscription for The Freeman a few days ago. He is an all around farmer and business man, but a constant reader of race literature. The adage "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," is not always true, and does not apply in all cases and in every community. Sometimes the fool can easily detect the weakness of the wise or decern the profligacy of the philosopher, when he can't see these evil traits in himself. Mrs. Lena White of Helena, Ark., who has been visiting relatives in this city, returned home last Saturday. Rev. A. A. Williams P. E., of the A. M. E. church, preached two powerful sermons last Sunday at New Hope A. M. E. church. Revs. E. M. Argyle, Brown, Lee and A. A. Williams all took part in the quarterly services at the A. M. E. church last Sunday. It was a success spiritually and financially. The grand rally to take place at New Hope A. M. E. church March 28th, promises to be a success if indications are not deceptive. The Freeman now has a foothold here, and will soon have a fine hold upon the people.

Tuscumbia News Notes.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Rev. T. A. Burkhalter, pastor of the C. M. E. Church, is conducting a series of meetings. Mr. Turner of Florence, Ala., is in the city as band teacher. Rev. Mrs. Sensabough is visiting her daughter, Miss Susie, who is attending the A. and M. College at Normal, Ala. Mr. Kirk is improving his place. Miss S. E. Noil is in the city again. Her school at Cave Springs has closed. Miss Noil is one of our promising young ladies. Miss J. A. Summers visited Miss Noil's school closing. Prof. W. H. Councill, A. M., president of A. and M., College at Normal, Ala., visited Mrs. Wass Ross' family on the 11th inst. Miss M. W. A. Ross' remarks before the Grant Literary Society Friday night March 12th, were practical and pleasing.

Meeting of Allen's Band.

Fordyce, Ark., Special.

Allen's Band of St. John A. M. E. church met at the usual hour. Program was opened with an oration by Miss L. J. Davis, subject, "Early Spring;" select reading, Miss A. L. Toliver, subject, "Courage;" song by the choir; address, B. A. Smith, subject "The Condition of the Negro;" song by the choir; address by J. A. Johnson, subject, "The Welfare of the Negro;" song by the choir; oration, Rev. J. A. Nelson, subject, "The Power of Older People;" reading of the News by Editor J. R. Tolliver. Rev. Mrs. Cynthia James of Monroe, La., occupied the pulpit of St. John's A. M. E. church last Sunday. Wesley Howard of this place was thrown last Sunday and badly injured. Rev. J. H. Hoke, State Missionary of the Baptist church in Arkansas, is in town holding a ministerial institute. C. H. Gales and Miss Bamma Clay were united in the holy bonds of matrimony the 3rd at St. John's A. M. E. church, Rev. W. E. Stone officiating. A reception was given at the Clay residence which was an enjoyable affair. Many valuable presents were received.

Excellent Program Rendered.

Villa Vista, La., Special.

Quite a crowd witnessed the exercises at the Little Rock Baptist church Feb. 11, at which time an excellent program was rendered. Rev. G. P. Green preached to quite a large audience Feb. 14. A fish pond entertainment was given at the Little Rock church Feb. 18. Rev. G. P. Green preached an interesting sermon on the 21. The members and friends of the Little Rock church contributed the sum of $2.40 to Rev. Broomsa, of Natchez, Miss., who owing to health failure, is unable to make a living for himself and family. On March 4th Little Rock literary convened at 7:30 p. m., and an excellent program was rendered. On the 4th Rev. Sam Gaither, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church, this city, and the North Star Baptist church at Lake Providence, visited us and lectured to the school. Prof David P. Reed is doing a very creditable work here. The new parlor organ adds much to the improvement of the Little Rock church. Quite a large crowd is present every Sunday morning at the Sunday school. Rev. P. Hutson, superintendent, is pushing the work with much success. Prof. David P. Reed is preparing for closing exercises.

Church and Personal Notes.

Richmond, Ind., Special.

The Methodist are still holding revivals. Several converts and also several new members are the results of their effort. Elder C. C. Townsend was present to assist a few days last week. Quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. church March 7th. Mr. Arthur Freeman is home from Ft. Wayne. Union prayer meeting was held at the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Eva Robbins is convalescent The Methodist Sunday school is progressing nicely. Mr. Raymond Harris an excellent superintendent. One hundred thirteen scholars enrolled last Sunday. Mr. Wm. Jones, the gentleman who took an over dose of patent medicine is still in a critical condition. Mr. Allen Clay and Miss Letta Thompson were married last week. Mrs. Sophia Welch is with Richmond friends again. Miss Delilah Harris is in the city. Mr. W. Thompson is at Ft. Wayne. Mr. Wilbie Shaffer has left for Florida. The Weslyean church is still holding revival and have several converts. Miss Myrtle Wayde is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Willis Carter.

Palestine Pointers.

Palestine, Tex., Special.

Bonds or no bonds is the issue in the present spring election. Mrs. Dr. Roberts has closed her school at Natchez. Miss Jewel Lawrence has secured a school in Fort Ben Co. Prof. V. T. Thompson and Miss M. A. Rodgers, a teacher in the public schools, were quietly married last Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. Matilda Moore. We extend our best wishes to them for a long and happy life. Born to Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Cole a fine son, also to Mr. and Mrs. L. Mallard a fine daughter. Rev. Mrs. Griggs and Miss Julia Dudley are on the sick list. The W. C. T. U. which was organized here a few weeks ago by Mrs. L. Thurman, is in a flourishing condition. Mrs. E. M. Griggs, pres.. Miss Mary Green, sec.; Mrs. J. Curry, vice pres.; Mrs. J. J. N. Dodson, cor. sec. The concert under the auspices of South Union Baptist church was largely attended and highly appreciated. The sixteenth birthday of Chester Williams was celebrated at the residence of A. Bell A fine repast was enjoyed by his school mates and teachers. An entertainment will be given at West Union Baptist church entitled the "Coming Woman," April 15 16-17. All are invited. Mrs. Brown, the wife of Rev. Brown of the C. M. E. churh is in the city.

A Glorious Revival.

Rushville, Ind., Special.

A glorious revival has been in progress at the Second M. E. Church. Much good has been done. The Christians have been greatly encouraged and many sinners converted. It is the most successful revival that has been here for many years. Much credit is due Rev. J. L Franklin of Greenfield, Ind., who conducted the services. Bro. Franklin is quite a revivalist.

Personal Mention.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

The Kalamazoo Law Club held their regular meeting Thursday evening at N. H. Stewart's office. W. F. W. Stafford was elected a member of the club. Mrs. Minnie H. Christian spent a fews days in Battle Creek last week the guest of Miss Clayton. Sam Wheatley has returned to his work at the Burdick House after a few days vacation. Berry Ash has been suffering with la grippe. Miss Bertha Wilkinson is very low at this writing Her case is hopeless. Mrs. Amos Stewart and Mrs. Effie Vaughn is on the sick list. Bert Hackley has accepted a position in the city shoe store.

Cupid on the Wing.

Huntsville, Tex., Special.

Springtime is here. The gardners and farmers are busy preparing their grounds and planting. Since the heroic Wm. McKinley has taken the oath of office, they talk of planting a greater amount of everything, looking for better prices. The following visitors are seen on our streets this week viz., Revs. Teno la Edwards of Colmesneal, Tex., A. C. Whitten of Palestine, Tex. The Odd Fellows annual sermon was preached at St. James M. E. church on the 7th inst. Rev. W. H. Jackson the able and efficient pastor, preached at 2 p. m., also the first quarterly conference of said church was in session. Rev. A. C. Culbreath, P. E., preached a soul stirring sermon. The collection for the quarter was $106.45 and nineteen conversions, forty-one accessions to the church. Rev. Jackson is erecting a new parsonage. Presiding Elder Culbreath was suddenly called to San Antonio, Tex. The nuptial knot was cemented between Mr. Stephen Morton of Temple, Tex., and Miss Willie McKinney of this city, on the 11th inst at the residence of the bride's grand mother. Elder Whitten officiated. Miss Emma Sholto, Mrs. S. M. Crawford, Mrs. Dicy Johnson and Rev. W. H. Jackson are on the sick list this week. Rev. M. Wright of Galveston, Tex., has married and is going to make this place headquarters. Mr. Bartlett Carter, the genial hearted tonsorial of our city is boasting over his 12lb. baby girl.

Church News Notes.

Shuqualak, Miss., Special.

Services were held at New Shiloh Baptist Church at 10 a. m. by Rev. L. S. Lee. Miss McNeese presided at the organ. Mr. H. G. Scott lectured to the Baptist Sunday school, subject "How they should elevate themselves as young christians." Collection $3.61.

NEGRO LEADERS NOT NEEDED

BUT GREAT MEN CAN BE OF YEOMAN SERVICE TO THE RACE.

The Relation so Long Sustained by the Sainted Douglass no Longer Required—The Merits of Prominent Negroes Reviewed—Reflections.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I have thought often that the white man is a queer being. With all his ideas of reform and civilizing agencies at work upon the minds of the rest of humanity, it is unmistakably a foregone conclusion that he still looks upon the Negro as a helpless ward, and apparently considers that it is a great boon to the race to point out for him one who must lead, one who must answer for the race at the bar of public opinion. In proof of the conclusion of which I now speak, I offer for illustration the position sustained so long by the sainted Douglass. I freely admit, there was a time when the race needed such a noble exemplar, but if the advancement and material progress we have made means anything at all, it means that the individual must now bestir himself and hold himself alone accountable and responsible for his own failures and frivolities. We used to accuse our leaders of trickery and chicanery I firmly believe there is a certain degree of inconsistency, in forever laying at the door of certain persons a blame for which they are in no way responsible. Bruce, Lynch and Langston learned the agreeableness in self help, and individual effort long ago, and if they have accumulated wealth and surrounded themselves with comfort, they have set examples worthy of the trust and esteem that gave them promotion at the hands of their fellow citizens.

No one blames the American citizen for his prosperity along any line. Why is this man or that man set up by the white man before all the Negro race and extolled for his virtues and dubbed "the leader of the Negro race?" In what does he lead? In every sphere? No. Then why called leader? The race is diversifying its abilities and making great strides toward fame in every calling. When the Negro had but little, had demonstrated but little along the intellectual lines, had made nothing to bear the seal of his stamp upon it, it was quite possible, and not at all remarkable that Mr. Douglass should lead. It was entirely consistent that he should lead, and indellibly written in the pages of history that he did lead. But while Scarborough is more proficent in philology and language, Dubois in sociology, Fortune in the newspaper realm, Bowen in theology, Croghman in mathematics, Kealing in oratory, Flipper in civil engineering, Dunbar in poetry, Dr. Williams in medicine, McCants Stewart in law, Dr. Henderson and Miss Alice Ruth Moore in letters, how can it be that Prof. Booker T. Washington is the leader of the Negro race, when he himself is only proficient in the management and control of a college? It comes from the short sightedness of the white man who only knows of the Negro what he hears, and not what he sees and reads.

Is Dr. Dwight, of Yale, leader of the white race because he is its president, and because Yale has a solid and perpetual endowment? Is any man the leader of the white race? No. Why? Because it is too diversified in its acquirement, its labor, its development. Then why should it be said that Mr. So-and-so is the Negro leader? Are we not also diversified in our abilities, our acquirements?

We hear very much of great Negroes these days. I think the expression is an extravagant one, and invites contempt rather than approval. What do we mean when we say one is great? If we take Patrick Henry or John Brown who believed in absolute patriotism, who believed in liberty or death, as criterions for greatness, there are no great men. If we take Abraham Lincoln as the embodiment of greatness, then there is no great Negro, Douglass is dead. Greatness is another way of saying one is sagacious, wise, full of years, of knowledge and usefulness, with a tried probation of unshaken confidence, full realization of philosophical truths, inculcated after years of experience, and demonstrable only by solidity of character, correctness of purpose and a near approach to perfection.

A man may have honors thrust upon him, and accidently may strike a harmonious chord in eloquence, whose symphony may resound throughout christendom. The white man still holds the Negro test to the hitherto convulsing and convincing oration. In this he is sadly off The Negro does more than make speeches and sing songs, and he is not willing for his progress to be judged by such narrowness

For the sake of argument we will make a few parables. Mr. Knox is reflecting quite as much credit on the Negro in the management of a great newspaper as Mr. Washington in the management of a college, and I hold that The Freeman which he publishes does quite as much good in the distribution of light and elevating the Negro to usefulness.

Mr. Fortune is more like Douglass in his estimates, strictures and versitility than any other prominent man of the race. His statements concerning the Negro are always reliable, reasoned from a lofty eminence and strikes the depth of the hearts of our American readers. His paragraphs are pointed truths, irrepressible and uncontradictory; his estimates uncompromising, while his parables are nearly faultless; manhood of the sterling kind is seen in all his acts To be a paid correspondent and reporter for a paper like the New York Sun, is a conferred honor on Negro ability worth all the honorary degrees that Yale, Harvard and Dartmouth could furnish in a decade, to say nothing of editing a paper like The Age. Great men like Douglass, Dumas, L'Ouverture, Ward, Payne and Bannecker have sweetened history and given to the poet songs for humanity to sing, perhaps for all time to come; it was then necessary that we had leaders. Conspicuous characters who have risen to great heights no doubt there are yet among us. Men like Langston, Greener, Bishops Turner, Petty, Lee, John Mitchell, Jr., Dancy, Lynch, Dr. Boyd, Bruce, Dr. Purvis, men of excellent accomplishments. In fact there are a number of men on the Board of the bench of Bishops of the A. M E. and A. M. E. Zion churches who stand out above the ranks of their fellowmen like towering oaks in the forest, and yet there is in no one of them any specific greatness.

Bishop Turner is perhaps more generally dubbed great, because, perhaps, "misunderstood," as Emerson would say; and yet he oftimes demonstrates the amount of crankism there is in him. Bishop Lee is one of the high, noble, clean, unseeking men seldom found in any race, more scholarly, and yet less assuming than can be found among his colleagues, a gentleman nearly faultless from nature's mould, and favored with all the agreeable qualities of true greatness, and would doubtless be considered great if he belonged to any other race.

Dr. J. M. Henderson, one of our ablest writers, has the right idea of worthy characters, and demonstrates rare ability in laying on the lash. Profs. Scarborough and Dubois have done something to give them a conspicuous place in the book realm, and courageously sustain their high intellectual prowess, dubbed them by the intellectual class with which they rank in the sphere of philology and letters. While Prof. Washington is conspicuous in oratory, because, perhaps, his opportunities are greater in reaching the multitude in his plea for his school. Prof. H. T. Kealing, Chas. S. Morris and Bishop Wm. B. Derrick are far his superior in oratory, in debate, in set speeches or in extemporizing.

Prof. Peter H. Clark said only a few weeks ago at the Charles Sumner banquet, in Chicago, that "The Negro race is to-day without a leader," and we add that the race is without the necessity of a leader. Greatness is not caught in the chase. Greatness may be inborn, but it usually comes with age; it seldom, if ever matures in youth, but with gray hairs, oftener with a bald head. It cannot be imimpeded, stifled nor conquered. It is a grand principle in human character recognized by the world, that remains undaunted by obstacles, untarnished by the freaks and vanities of youth, that ripens in maturity, that matures in old age.

We have men of our race here in America, who, no doubt, will evince such nobility of soul that they may be dubbed great; the race not only needs them, the world needs them. We will hail them with joy; we will applaud their matchless self-sacrifice, and crown them with the laurels of fame for their successful achievements. We need great men, not leaders, unless they lead along their special pursuits. The race needs no one great leader.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

Decatur, Ill.

In Honor of Abraham Lincoln.

Clarksville, Tex., Special.

On Friday, the 12th ult., an anniversary in honor of Abraham Lincoln, was given at Barnesville. It was a grand entertainment in which was wafted to the fourwinds in honor of this modern Moses, music, orations and recitations. There is no better way colored teachers can immortalize the name of this great man in growing youths of the colored race, than to bring them face to face with the facts with jubilant praise and adorations to his name. We should have a spark always aglow for this good man. However little it may be suspected, 90 per cent. of the race know but little of Lincoln as a man and President. Though dead, yet he lives in the hearts of all liberty loving people, not only in the United States, but other countries as well. With his sympathizing hand he let fall the bars that held in abject slavery 4,000,000 of slaves in the Southland. All honor and respect to the subject of this sketch, who was born Feb. 12, 1809.

Douglass' Birthday Celebration.

Hampton, Va., Special.

Hon. Frederick Douglass' birthday was celebrated as usual by the Junior class on the 27th ult. The exercises were held in the Virginia Hall Chapel from 8 to 9:30 p. m. The stage was beautifully decorated with gay flowers, evergreens and a lovely portrait of Mr. Douglass. When the hour of 8 arrived there were but few vacant seats. The program was excellent and well rendered. It was as follows: Prayer by the chaplain of the Junior class; opening address by G. G. Johnston, of the Senior class; paper on the life of Douglass, by Miss Beulah Wilder; short address by A. Kendrick; quotations by the members; oration by E. D. Lewis; music by the orchestra; paper by Miss Emma Bush; banjo solo by Mr. Starus; paper by Charles Sanders; music by the girls' club; declamation by C. F. McLaurin; music by Miss Alexander and others; solo by Miss Lalia Payne; poem by E. J. Johnson; plantation song, led by Capt. Moten.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Will She Forget the Negro, Who has Held Their Principles Dear as Life—The "Lilly White Republicans of the South.

The grand old party of Lincoln, Sumner and Grant, has even been a party of progressive ideas, a party of the people and a party for the people and by the people; one that has recognized no man on account of his color, race or previous condition of servitude coming once more into power, after a long exile from the reins of government, will she forget the Negro that has ever held those principles of the grand old party as dear as life, so that in many plans in the South the name Negro is synonimous with that of Republican. Let us cast a glance around the political horizon of the Negro, and we will see many dark clouds that portend of storm, and that under the banner of the g. o. p., will he find many ready to draw the line of demarkation upon him on the acount of color and his inability to come up to the requirements of his native state in voting his ballots as he deserves it, though he has been accorded that right by that most perfect instument of government, the constitution of the United States, which has become null and void in many states of the South, so far as we are concerned. The thoughtful young colored man, if he will look around him, will see many signs that will cause him to pause for a while and consider the position of the race, as regards the future policy of the Republican party.

Take a glance at the South, you will find many men, who have left the camp of the Democratic party because they could not get office, but thinking the Republican party offered more chances for the fulfillment of their wishes, and they have no special favor for the sable sons of Ham, and there are being organized white Republican clubs, that will only take white men as members. They are known as "Lilly White Republicans," the grand old party knows no color line. Are there still at the head of this great party, men like Sumner of old, like Lincoln of old, if so let them turn the ray of truth upon these white Republican clubs, and they will see that they are Republicans for revenue only, and not from principle.

Take the state of South Carolina, the Progressive Republican Clubs composed of white men principally, in the cities, have caused a factional fight that has had a great tendency to weaken the party in the state. But the ladies of the Republican party vindicated themselves at the national conventions in the South Carolina matter, when they turned down all of the delegates from the white Republican clubs and recognized only the Republican party regardless of color. If the leaders of the McKinley administration will see that the constitution of the U. S. is not violated by the several states of the South in making conditions and laws to deprive legal voters of the right of franchise. They will confer a great blessing upon the Republican votes at the South, and if the white Republican clubs that so many of the Southern States, at least those of the middle South are afflected with, will be given to understand that this grand old party while she welcomes those of all parties to come under her banner and guarantees to them the peaceful pursuit of happiness and prosperity, that she by sentiment and deed recognizes all men as men, regardless of their color, and that there is no such a thing as a white Republican party, that all the pillars that support the grand super structure of the Republican party. Those principles dear to the true Republicans, are justice, equality before the laws, right of franchise to all regardless of their race, color or previous condition of servitude.

THOS. L. MANN,

Hampton, Va.

To Toledo & Detroit.

The train service of the C. H. & D. Ry., to Toledo and Detroit is wonderful. The speed and frequency of the through trains and the modern finish and elegance of the cars, are evidences of a very high class and liberal management. The vestibuled trains of this line make the run between the Ohio River and the Great Lakes in 5 hours and 40 minutes. This is a progressive age, and the C.H. & D. Ry. are fully abreast of the times. The equipment on this modern highway is the new observation vestibuled trains, in which the vestibules extend to the entire width of the cars. With this arrangement, the train is continuous from end to end, and the running is as smooth as it is possible to accomplish. Five trains daily make their way between the Ohio River and the Great Lakes.

GLAD HE IS LEFT TO TELL

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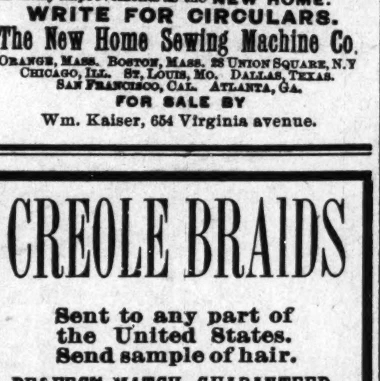
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No greater honor and tribute to the memory of the friends of humanity could be paid to the freedmen of the country. The magnificient monument will be cordially accepted by the patriotic people of the nation as a mark of lasting gratitude of the people who, for many, generations, shall worship with in its sacred enclosure.

While it is in some respects a local enterprise, yet in the scope of its design and utility it partakes more largely of a national character and will doubtless awaken universal interest. The idea of the building was originated by Rev. J. S. Woods, pastor of St. Pauls's A. M. E. Church, and he says that it is left to the Negroes of the present generation to present to posterity such a monument. It is appropriate that it should be built at Springfield, the old home of the great liberator and the place where the mortal remains of the martyred president rest.

People from every part of the world and in all ages to come will visit Lincoln's tomb and worship in this temple. The building will be all the more unique and interesting because of its historic value and memorial significance. The story of the greatest conflict and mightiest victory for human liberty ever recorded in the annals of history will be told in mute language by the study of this monument.

The super structure will be of bedford stone and covered with a slate roof. The main audience room, including the gallery, will seat 700 people. The Sunday school room which can be opened into the audience room, will accommodate 300 more, thus giving a total seating capacity of 1,000. There is to be also, a reading room, library, gymnasium and night school for the benefit of young men and laborers who have not advantages of the public day schools. There will also be a sort of bureau of information connected with this institutional church for the purpose of aiding ex-slaves and others in finding their lost relatives and friends. Many of them were sold from each other during slavery days and have never been able to find each other since. Many a poor mother would give all she had if she could find her children, and it will be the business of this department to hunt up and furnish all possible information along this line.

A smi-circular room immediately in front of the edifice will be the memorial room, 15 feet wide and 27 feet long. This will be used as a public museum. It will contain a complete collection of slavery relics, such as an auction block, slave chain, whipping post, manacles, etc., and a collection of books by Negro authors, and books by other authors concerning the Negro race, history of the progress and down fall of slavery, history of the war, life of Lincoln and other distinguished abolitionists and philanthropists who helped the race before and since the war. It will contain, also pictures, busts and statuary. It is proposed to make this the best collection of the kind in the country.

A large triple window above the memorial room will contain life size designs of Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and John Brown; Lincoln occupying the center. The window is to be dedicated to the memory of the three great men and Lincoln's cabinet. A large rose window facing another street will be in honor of the brave Union soldiers and sailors, living and dead, who fought so nobly the battles of the Republic and freedom. There are to be twenty-eight other prominent windows named in honor of the following persons an organizations:

Harriet Beecher Stowe, Wendell Phillips, Bishop Mathew Simpson, Elijah P. Lovejoy, Henry Ward Beecher, John G. Whittier, William L Garrison, Charles Sumner, Bishop Richard Allen, William Wilberforce, Thomas Clarkson, Toussaint L'Ouverture, Phillis Wheatly, Hon. Wm. McKinley, president of the United States; Her Majesty, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Empress of India, whose dominion and government affords ready protection to refugees from the curses of slavery; Hon. John R. Tanner, governor of Illinois; Senators Shelby M. Cullom and William E. Mason; the Bench of Bishops of the A. M. E. Church.

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The material for the pulpit will be brought from Harpers' Ferry, while the pulpit chairs will be made of material from Lincoln's old home at Salem Ill. The entire cost of the church is estimated at $50,000, two-thirds of which must be raised before the contract is let for the building. The building will not be dedicated until every dollar is raised.

Aside from contibutions and gifts coming direct fram private individuals, churches and societies, an appeal to the public throughout the entire country will made through regularly authorized agents, for contributions ranging from a penny up. Agents are to be appointed at once in every part of the country. A commission composed of the legal trustees of the church and nine leading white gentlemen of the state will have charge of the erection of the building and will authorize all financial agents. Hon. Henry L. Her z, State Treasurer of Illinois, is made the custodian of the funds and all drafts, checks and orders must be payable to him for the Lincoln Memorial A. M. E. Church of Springfield, Ill. They must be sent, however, to Rev. J. S. Woods to be recorded on the books, as he is the secretary, but in every case payable to Mr. Hertz.

Rev. J. S. Woods of Springfield, Ill., is preparing for the appointment of agents and those who desire to act in that capacity, may communicate with him.

RACE GLEANINGS.

California's legislature has passed a civil rights bill, guaranteeing colored citizens equal rights.

F. L. Barnett has been appointed assistant state attorny at Chicogo, Ill., at a salary of $1,800 a year.

Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee is in New York City and will remain North for a month.

There are now six colored teachers employed in the mixed schools of Detroit, Michigan.

Bishop Arnett has been elected a member of the Ohio Archeological Society and appointed a commissioner to the Tennesee Centennial Exposition from Ohio.

Lieutenant Charles Young, a graduate of West Point, now stationed at Wilberforce University, Xenia, Ohio, has been promoted to Troop H, of the Seventh Cavalry. This is a white regiment and is known as Custer's old regiment, with a reputation for successful and gallant Indian fighting. This is the first time in the history of this country that a Negro has been placed in such a position.

A benevolent and endowment organization chartered in the State of Illinois has been organized under the name of the Order of Railway Porters of America. Their object is to attend the needs of the sick, bury the dead and accumulate an endowment fund for the benefit of their widows and orphans; and, in the near future, to build a home and hospital for their maimed and aged. The officers are President, Robert Caldwell; Secretary, J. H. Wheeler; Treasurer, Randall Woodford.

The African Methodists of Illinois are to build a church at Springfield, in memory of Abraham Lincoln. It will be named the Lincoln Memorial church and will cost $80,000. There will be three memorial windows. The center one will be dedicated to Lincoln, and the two smaller ones to Frederick Douglass and John Brown. What may be regarded as the most interesting feature will be the memorial room, in which are to be kept slavery relics of every description—pictures of all the great abolition leaders, an auction block, the Lovejoy printing press, the rope which was used in the hanging of John Brown and whatever else can be gathered.

Quarterly Meeting.

Chatham, Ont., Special.

Sunday the 7th inst., was quarterly meeting day at the Union M. E. church. Good attendance at 11 a. m. Rev. Daniel Eddy preached, taking for his text Psa. 48:4, which was a soul-stirring discourse. At 2 p. m. Sunday school convened which was well attended. Miss Leana Scott rendered excellent music for the occasion. At 3 p. m. Rev. John Thomas of the Chatham U. M. E. church preached, after which communion was served. At 7 p. m. the literary was taken up which consisted of our young ladies and gentlemen, and was well attended. At 8 p. m. Prof. Moulton preached. Owing to the inclement weather the weekly meetings were not largely attended.

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EDITOR FREEMAN:

May it not be true that the formative years in the life of a race, like the formative years of a child, are fraught with most danger and peril? How costly our errors; how fatal our mistakes, when the foundations of character are being laid and the influences that give direction to the life most potential. If the primary education and early training of a race is in ignorant or unskillful hands it is sure to cause many costly blunders and mistakes, while through the lessons of painful failures we are unlearning the false education of our earlier years. You cannot put an old head on young shoulders. This is as true of races as of individuals. A young race can have neither the wisdom nor the experience of those who have centuries of history and national life back of them.

The Negro is the youngest child in our American family. He has not, therefore, the wisdom, the sagacity, the intelligence and the skill of those who were in the full tide of their manhood and womanhood, when he was born into citizenship and to freedom. It seems to me just as unfair to apply the same tests and standards of judgement to the Negro as to the white man, as it is to expect a youth to measure up to the attainment of the full grown man. We see no cause for alarm in the weaknesses, mistakes and blunders which our race has made and is making; while some of them have been costly, thus far we have had the wisdom to recognize a mistake or error when it has been made and in the future have sought to avoid it. It is rather cause for congratulation that our errors, political, social and otherwise have not been more costly than they have, nay, even fatal to our life and progress.

A race, like a child, that is wilful, wayward, unwilling to receive instruction and submit to guidance must eventually suffer shipwreck and ruin, but we think that in the great university of life where races and nations have been for ages trained, there never has appeared a brighter or more apt pupil than the Negro. While he has been an apt scholar in vice and while he has encumbered himself with much moral, political, social and religious rubbish, he has also so easily and rapidly mastered the details of the great departments of knowledge and all admit that history has never produced a more precocious child. There is much speculation on the Negro and the Negro's future. There are many seers but there is much mist, much uncertainty, much obscurity. No one seems to see clearly. The white man who essays to speak in reference to the future of the Negro are either warped in judgment or clouded in vision and if they were not, history furnishes neither parallel or precedent from which the future outlook of the race can be judged. The men of our race who seek to point the way, who would be the path-finders for us, can only lead us along paths which they have not tried before us and in ways which to them are new. They may stand upon the intellectual mountains and think that in the distance they behold the point to which they would lead us but alas, we fear that they see through mist and clouds. The scientific study of the moral and social conditions of race is new to Negro thinkers and writers.

The Negro has done very little independent thinking or original investigating, He has been endeavoring to master the thought and investigations of others in the domain of science, philosophy, history and ethics but at last he is beginning to do some independent thinking. He is investigating and beginning to make a careful and dispassionate study of his condition but this experience is new to him.

The volubility and persistence with which many of our writers and thinkers declaim on the darker side of the life of the race remind one of the curiosity of a child who has found a pebble in the sand. He is filled with interest and amazement and expects all the world to marvel at his discovery. Did not he discover it? He never discovered a pebble before and of course no one else ever made a like discovery before him. It is here we think that a little danger lies. One man begins to investigate and study some phase of our life and at once a multitude begins to saw away on the same string until sometimes, for months, on platforms and through press, we hear nothing but the same tune with but slight variations. I know it is human and yet great care sh uld be exercised lest the view that we take of large matters and great interests be too narrow, too partial. We should learn to take large views, broad views, whole views of things, not partial views and especially not to judge the whole by a part.

I presume that many of our bright minded men will begin to sharpen their lead pencils when I say, that while Prof. Booker T. Washington, whose splendid work, and the splendid recognition which that work has received needs no eulogy from me, is in my judgement, in the attitude of many of our countrymen toward us, doing us incalculable injury. He is not doing it intentionally of course but he makes the mistake of speaking for the whole race in the light of his school at Tuskegee, Ala., and while perhaps he is speaking for that particular school, it seems to me that he would make the need of his institution represent the need of the race. The views which he advocates in this relation, as all have, observed, are alike most welcome both in the North and the South, the East and the West, because the view of the training which he presents as that which the race most needs, is a view of the position which the Negro should occupy which is most welcome to the majority of our white fellow citizens; and this largely accounts for the great eclat with which he is received through all sections of the North and of the South Now a regular swarm of little Booker T. Washingtons are springing up all over the country.

Prof. Du Bois recently gave the result of some of his studies of the sociological conditions among our people which were purely scientific and immediately a little swarm of investigators and sociologists arose who were seeking to multiply the number of unfaithful and immoral colored women.

The A. M. E. Review for January is indeed a most splendid number. In a most scholarly manner, three very able writers deal with the darker side of the race. Dr. R. F. Boyd writes on the "Mortality of the Race." It is a splendid article and justifies his reputation. Dr. J. M. Henderson writes in the same number on "Social Efficiency." The Doctor in his article, has brought out a phase of sociological study which, so far as we know, has been discussed by one of our writers for the first time. Dr. Henderson's article is of more than passing value. Each proposition is verified and yet I fear that the Doctor, in quoting the statistical table of the Prudential Insurance Co., giving the mortality tables of white and colored people at Charleston, S. C., has fallen into an error which is common among white men, when they give statistics relating to our race. I do not believe it is fair to us to quote statistics of the cities, as they almost invariably do, where our people live under the most unfavorable conditions. We believe that if the statistics of the plantations or rural districts and settlements were taken where the great bulk of the population of our race resides, no such unfavorable showing would be made, I say we believe, I have no facts upon which to base this belief, but reasoning from the conditions in which they live in the country districts, I think my belief is justified.

However, we owe, Dr. Henderson a vote of thanks for his able discussion of this subject and we congratulate Prof. Kealing the editor of the A. M. E. Review for bringing together in one number the two articles to which we have alluded and the article by Dr. Daniel H. Williams on "Cancer of the Breast in the Afro-American Woman," but we do not think that the race can afford to keep in the foreground of discussion, its illegitimacy, its crime and its mortuary statistics. While these things should be discussed and thoroughly investigated. we fear there is danger of giving them undue prominence. Let us hang out some stars as well as clouds. Let us fill up the valleys. Let us look for the rosy light that tints the Heavens at the approach of day rather than for the sombre shades that enshroud the night.

While at times it is necessary to strike a minor chord, let it not be the prevaling strain in the great symphony which I trust, we are all combined to render, but let us rather have the cheering sounds that speak to us of hope, aye, the cheering notes that give to weary marchers, courage to press forward and crown their destiny in victory and in honor.

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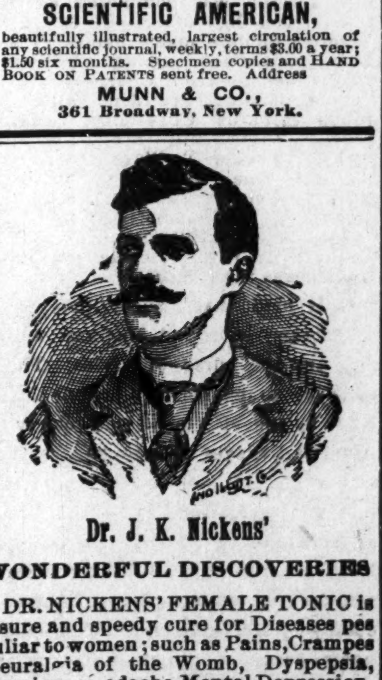

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SLAVE TRADE OF AFRICA.

In a recent lecture before the American Geographical Society, Mr. Heli Chatelain made some very startling statements regarding the extent and horrors of the slave trade in Africa. The lecturer's long residence in the Dark Continent, his intimate knowledge of the country, its people, customs and languages, entitle him to speak with authority. He is Ex-United States Commercial Agent at Loanda, West Africa; corresponding member of various geographical societies, and has made a name for himself also as the author of several native grammars and the translator of two of the Gospels into the native language of Angola.—Scientific American.

The facts given out by this eminent lecturer regarding the slave traffic of Africa is appalling. The busy world recks very little of the inhuman practices that are in operation daily on the Dark Continent. Five thousand by four thousand and eight hundred miles of African territory is the home of the hellish traffic of which the world is profoundly ignorant. "The open sore of the world," to use a phrase of Livingstone's, is yet open. Between the laws of extermination, decimation and slavery, the untutored denizens of the jungles are running a gauntlet that says but very little for their ultimate triumph. Philanthropy surely has become surfeited when it permits, out of 200,000,000 human beings, 50,-000,000 of them to bow their heads in humiliation in acknowledgement of a master in a fellow being. Says the lecturer, "If I shut my eyes, I see the villages burning, I hear the shouts and musketry of the murderers and the cries of their victims." Great Britain, the "birth place" of freedom, is credited with 260,000 slaves in her African possessions—Zanzibar and Pemba alone. It is claimed that of the 7,000 slaves smuggled into Zanzibar and the 11,000 into Arabia annually, eight or nine perish to every one transported. Thus 60,000 are murdered in the transaction. The speaker says:

Slavery is an essential element of African society. The parents sell their children; debtors and criminals are sold into slavery instead of being locked up in jail; girls are frequently sold to polygamists even before they are born; slaves are the regular currency over immense areas of the interior; they are the beasts of burden that bring the ivory, rubber and wax to the coast and take the European manufacturers back to the interior; they are, too often, the porters of the caravans which European travelers lead into unexplored regions. The extinction of the slave implies a complete reconstruction on a christian basis of the whole social order It requires the co-operation of the political power, of missionary effort, and of special anti-slavery societies.

It is even said that in Morocco the trade is protected by the American flag. The Moroccan Jews, who are not allowed by the government of Morocco to hold slaves, place themselves under the flag of our country to facilitate their infamous designs. It is safe to conclude that the Americans are not cognizant of the base uses the flag is subjected to. The forerunner of the auction block is yet in vogue in the orient. The public square of Tangier, nearly in sight of Gibralter—the impregnable British fortress, are the scenes of markets for human beings. Morocco, Tripoli and Egypt are in the midst of the traffic.

In Zanzibar and Pemba the plantation labor, the hard work in the harbors, the warehouses and the streets and the porterage of expeditions to interior Africa are all performed by slaves. Almost all these slaves are, as confessed by the British government, illegally held, because smuggled into the islands in spite of formal treaties. In Zanzibar women prisoners can be seen every day chained together in gangs of about seven and working under the supervision of a policeman armed with a lash. None of the facts brought out by the commissioner of the British Anti-slavery Society has been denied by the English government. The reason given for inaction is the fear that a hasty reform would cause an Arab uprising. Lord Salisbury has, however, promised to abolish the legal status of slavery before the end of this year.

To the close student of the affairs of the world the information given here is but a story revamped. The abortive attempts at reform are also well known. The christian world has a chance to "get together" in the interest of humanity. The groans of Armenia are worthy of respectful attention, but who will deny that these millions of blacks also need intervention in their behalf? If the great powers have taken it on themselves to regulate the affairs of the Eastern world, if they can menace Turkey, reduce Greece and rebuke the Barbary States, it is strange that the Arabian and other Negro traders cannot be disciplined quite as well. The grand play for territorial acquisition is playing havoc with all the tendencies put forth to abolish slavery.

"The Angoni," says a missionary in Nyassa Land, "possesses from 100,000 to 150,000 slaves. The sole possession of these poor creatures is a strip of goat or cat skin around their loins. They are kept in subjection by two species of terrorism. First is the spear, second is the poison ordeal, which is administered to the friends of a fugitive slave, sometimes to fifty persons at a time. In one village, the other day, eleven persons lay dead from this cause."

Situated on the upper Nile is the Hausa people, 15,000,000 in number. On the best authority, it is said that every town of any considerable size has its slave market. This country is part of the grant of the Royal Niger company, an English concern. The slaves seem to be the most important product of the country, being used as currency, just as the early Americans used tobacco. On January 19, 1892, the President of the United States ratified a general act between the United States of America and the other powers for the suppression of the African slave trade. The result is summed up when it is said that the intentions were good. Says the Scientific American:

Political power alone, however, would prove unable to eradicate the evil. It needs the co-operation of philanthropic societies, due to private initiative, which will supplement force by persuasion, and follow it up by education along agricultural and industrial as well as intellectual and moral lines. For this purpose Protestant and Catholic nations of Europe have organized societies, raised money and commenced effective work in Africa. America, which by its spirit and traditions, ought to take the lead, has hitherto done practically nothing in this great work. The organization of what is known as a Philafrican Liberators' League was completed at the close of last November. Its board of directors include many names of national reputation, among which may be mention the Hon Charles P. Daly, Fred R. Coudert, President Gilman of Johns Hopkins University, Senator John T. Morgan, Miss Francis E. Willard, Mr. Booker T. Washington, representing the colored South; and among the clergy, the Rev. Drs. Josiah Strong, L. T. Chamberlain, David H. Greer, David J. Burrell and W. H. P. Faunce. Ex-Postmaster General Thos. L. James is the treasurer.

It is held that slavery, polygamy, witchcraft, rum and immoral white men are the curse of Africa. These evils are to be borne down or eradicated by the efforts of this society in America. Slaves are to be liberated and settled in stations where industrial and agricultural and education in general is to be given. An effort is being made to raise $10,000, a sufficient sum for the establishment of the first colony by Mr. Chatelain. With such a noble array of philanthropically inclined individuals as head this movement, a new phase will soon be put on the African situation. The society should have the encouragement of all, and the co-operation of all civilized people.

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My two hundred brothers,
But none so large to occupy my place
Among my readers
Are the race leaders,
Who dub me Great and know me at first sight.
I'm pledged you know to proclaim all that's right.

I'm lung, and heart, and brain of Negro life.
I lead and hollo
The others to follow,
For in my face they learn the hour is rife
To agitate,
Or regulate
All issues coming within the scope of reason,
And hold their breath till I say truth or treason.

I've been the mouthpiece for some years, for by my story,
My tongue and pen
Have enabled men
To surmount heights, where perches glory.
To breathe such air,
So pure and rare,
My inspiration seized 'pon all our leaders,
And gave to me some eighty-thousand readers.

From North and South, yes East and West,
My face is known,
My garlands strewn
By those who love me best.
I'm read by all,
Both great and small,
For in my columns weekly I am showing,
How manly the Negro is and too, how knowing.

Through me the greatest men we boast have spoken,
Men of renown,
From Douglass down;
This in itself should serve a token.
While demonstrating
The fact, I am circulating,
The best and brightest thought of Negro brain,
To prove the heights to which we can attain.

My name is Freeman, but call me what you may
It takes much tin
To make a win
The reason's plain: I say what's right to say,
The Age and Planet
Like pillows of granite,
Stand sentinel with me in the fight;
In fact the others do, because I'm right.

The great white race should take me, read me too
Some facts to learn
In its discern:
That whatever it can do, we too can do—
That he is best
Who stands the test;
'T would learn that color tho' a curse, is not a bar,
That a Negro is no worse, when he's a star.

'T would learn that they're the ones, not us to blame,
For time we've lost,
And that they pay the cost;
For Douglass, and all such saved us our name,
In the long fight
For God and right,
The Negro press to-day through me does truly say,
That whatever seems to doom or dam the race,
it cannot block our way.

QUEEN RANAVALONA.

The beautiful Queen of Madagascar, Ranavalona III, has suffered the fate that so often befalls distinction. This proud woman of royalty after having served her country well for fourteen years as its legal head, the first of the kingdom now drinks the bitter dregs of humiliation by the way of exilement at the hands of the most "enlightened" nation on earth—the French. It is a travesty on greatness and a fearful lesson learned when the occupant of a throne to-day becomes the plaything of the world to-morrow, the subject of jest for civilization. Christ was railed at on the cross for this very thing. You can save others, say they, why not save yourself? The world will never cease sighing for Charles I, the lovely Mary, Queen of Scotts, or Napoleon Bonaparte. The latter amid his wreck and ruin, stands the human Parthenon of modern times. Too great, too infinitely grand to be reproduced. Yet with all the loveliness, devoutness and greatness that characterized these individuals, Charles and Mary could not save themselves from a headsman's blade, nor Bonaparte from his Helena. The meanest subjects may enjoy their birthrights, while Kings are victims too often to caprice merely. It can be seen why these great rulers are likely to be a menace to the public good, yet it seems that yesterday's greatness should not traverse to so great an extent the descent of avernus. The Queen of Madagascar was dearly beloved by her people. She took in the situation when the cold French became squatter sovereigns on the island. In view of her utter helplessness as an enemy to the French, she signed away her rights as queen defacto. She recognized the protectorship of France. But on account of the love her people bore her, she is held as a menace to the tranquility of the island, and consequently must be banished beyond the pale of kith and kin. Surely the great suffer greatly.

INDIANIANS.

A few of the younger politicians of Indiana, which means Indianapolis many think, are trying to break their way into Consulates and positions of that kind. Mr. Brown, a teacher of Kokomo, has no objections to filling Townsend's shoes, or better the shoes of D. P. Roberts in the Land Department. He is being generally indorsed throughout the state. Mr Gurley Brewer has his eyes cast on Santo Domingo. Mr. Brewer was a regularly appointed speaker during the campaign. He did very effective work for the party. Mr. Brewer hails from Vincennes. Indianapolis proper, has quite a number of young men who are aspiring to these leading positions with some show of suscess if they do not call down too much wrath. There are quite a number of doctors of ability who could well claim party reward for work done. Most of these are young men on whom the party will rely in the future for support. No one in our midst cares to buffet the waves and fever in order to go to Liberia. We are very well equipped with candidates for Recordership of Deeds for Washington, D. C. We feel too very important to think that we will get the stony stare, basing the prediction on the "pivotalness" of Indiana, past, present and for time to come.

MANAGED BY NEGROES.

All the Negro institutions in North Carolina, such as the asylum for the insane, the blind, and the deaf mutes, and the normal schools will hereafter be managed exclusively by Negroes.—Exchange.

Since these institutions exist it cannot be denied but what this movement is a concession to the Negroes. A change for the better is noted in the South. South Carolina, a state that was supposed to be capable of doing anything mean when the Negro was in question, has retrieved herself to some extent by refusing to pass a "jim crow" car law. Now comes North Carolina willing to place these immense institutions into the hands of Negroes. That they were not so formerly placed is proof sufficient of the importance of the movement, when everything is considered. When the vast expenditure of public money required to sustain such institutions is noted, and the fact that Negroes will have the disposition of those funds in the future, it speaks very well indeed. To approve of this movement does not mean that the applause is to be given to the situation that causes separate institutions, but rather to the best result of condition that is, and that is likely to be for some time in the future. One will not have the temerity to insist that this is not material progress.

REV. C. S. SMITH, of Nashville, Tenn., celebrated his birthday anniversary March 16th in a very fitting way. Music, vocal and instrumental, reading and addresses was the order of the evening. Refreshments and congratulations followed as is customary. Rev. Smith, who is a M. D., D. D., is the efficient head of the A. M. E. publishing house located in Nashville. He has proven himself the man for the place, as the whole church concedes his distinguished ability. Under his guiding genius the institution has evolved from an affair of very small proportions to one that commands respect and admiration. Dr. Smith is an author of versatility and a careful writer. He has written several valuable works which alone would give him distinction.

MR. LOUIS REIBOLD, the popular hotel man who was for so long a time the proprietor of the Bates House, is now in Florida. Mr. Reibold enjoys the distinction of being one of the best hotel men in the country, if not the very best. He was very generous, giving about $3,000 away annually as presents to his employees. Mr. Reibold used the immense sums taken in over his bar for charitable purposes. He would not permit a penny of it to enter his business transactions. He was friendly to those who displayed tact and ability. He took great delight in seeing the men whom he had helped along in life, step to higher positions. Mr. Reibold has proven a benefactor to the colored people; he always employs them where it is policy to do so.

GOVERNOR MOUNT is growing in favor daily. He gained an immense coign of advantage when he called the press into his confidence. The expression "blank the newspapers," is not found in his lexicon. The press is all powerful to make or unmake, and he that despises it, toys with his fortunes. The press properly treated is not tyrannical. It is the greatest leveller of the age. It requires respect only.

THE country is on the anxious seat. The great question that bestirs politically is, how can 1,000 office seekers be accommodated when there are only one dozen or so big places to be had? The question stands next to the one on finance.

COLORED EDITORS IN WASHINGTON.

The colored editors taking advantage of the facilities inauguration week offered, held a meeting in Washington, D. C., during that time. The meeting was held in The Bee office. After the usual routine incident to such assemblies, they resolved to call on the President. They were cordially received. A set of resolutions, setting forth the aims, ideas and the hopes of the men who help to mould public opinion was presented to President McKinley. The members present were: Wm. H. Steward of the American Baptist, Louisville, Ky.; Chris J. Perry, the Tribune, Philadelphia, Pa.; Edward E. Cooper and Prof. Jesse Lawson, of the Colored American; W Calvin Chase of the Bee; C. F. Holmes, Peoples Recorder, Columbia, S. C.; W. H. Mixon, Selma, Ala.; Elwood Knox, of The Freeman, Indianapolis; Jas. H. Hayes, Richmond, Va; Robert Pelham, Jr., Detroit, Mich.; Geo. C. Scurlock, Sun, Fayetteville, N. C.; Dr. F. J. Webb, B. C. Lee, the Educator; M. B. Morten, Ahens, Ga.; W. H. Newman, Galveston, Tex; H. E. Lindsey, S. M. Hill, Faison, N. C.; Matt N. Lewis, Recorder, Norfolk, Va.; A. W. Scott, Wilmington, N. C.; H. H. Hagler of Atlanta, Ga.; J. Wayne Prather of Rockhill, S. S; J. C. Dancy, the A. M. E. Zion Quarterly; Prof. R. T. Greener of New York; Prof. C. H. Parrish of Cans Springs, Ky., and others. After being introduced, Wm. H. Steward, President of the National Afro-American Press Association, delivered the following address:

MR. PRESIDENT:—Prior to the national convention held in St. Louis, the two hundred colored papers of this country with peculiar unanimity advocated your nomination, and after the convention almost with a single exception, urged your election to the elevated position which you now occupy. In common with thousands of patriotic citizens, representatives of this press, have gathered in this city from all parts of the country to join in the inaugural ceremonies and to witness your induction into office. They are deeply and sincerely interested in the success of the principles which you represent and have called in this informal manner to tender their best wishes and bid you God speed. The country has shown its confidence in you personally as well as in principles which you represent and now look forward with the brightest anticipations for a revival of business and a return of good and prosperous times This is not a formal meeting of our association but simply an informal gathering of its representatives but we are certain that we express the sentiments of its entire membership in the call we have made, and in their names I thank you most heartily for the honor done us and again wish you a long and happy life and a successful administration.

IN appreciation of the meritorious services rendered this paper by Grant S. Neal, its agent in the South, The Freeman has forwarded him a gold medal. In presenting the medal, The Freeman is simply trying to reciprocate for the faithfulness of Mr. Neal, as his labor has evinced since he took service with it. The uphill toil incident to successful newspaper canvassing is scarcely to be measured in dollars and cents. The medal, therefore, represents not so much intrinsically as it does a fitting token of esteem for the individual and a work well performed.

THE Tuskegee Conference, of Tuskegee, Ala., was highly successful. Owing to the new crusade, or the movement to employ the idle hands of the Negroes, these conferences will grow in popularity. The declarations set forth are of vital interest. It is safe to say that the tenets, if adhered to will be amply sufficient to pave the way to prosperity for the whole race.

THE cause of Christ in Africa can make no headway, if it has for a substructure, polygamy, slavery, rum and immoral white men. The zeal to do the work is of no importance if not borne out by good common sense. The African must give up his polygamous notions, for they run contrary to the teachings of Christ and morals.

THE people of Michigan for some reason think that, that state will come in for first consideration in the matter of the distribution of patronage by the administration. Mr. Pelham is said to be the lucky man.

IT is claimed that there is no difficulty existing regarding the Negro department of the Tennessee Centennial. If such be the case, some of the batteries moving against it should be spiked.

MR. F. L. BARNETT, the very efficient aid to the National Republican committee, has been appointed assistant States Attorney for Illinois. Mr Barnett did not wait long for his reward.

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California's legislature has passed a civil rights bill, guaranteeing colored citizens equal rights. There is no penalty clause attached and the insulted person can sue for but $50 damages. —Seattle Republican.

We hope the friends of the race everywhere will use their influence to have E. C. Morris, D. D., appointed to the recordership of deeds in the District of Columbia. Let us all unite on one man and secure his appointment.—The Philadelphia, Banner.

A dispatch from Boston this week says that Hon. Isaac B. Allen of that city who is a member of the Governor's Council is doing very well and the citizens of Massachsuetts are perfectly satisfied with his work. Negroes have declared that they will not be every minute without him—Omaha Progress.

The safe of the Lexington Savings Bank, a colored people's institution, was opened yesterday afternoon and found to contain $28 72. The net liabilities are about $16,000, $7,800 being due the depositors, who number about 700. The deposits are all small, the largest being $600 Nothing is known of the where abouts of the colored lawyer, Everett J. Waring, who was president and cashier of the concern.—Exchange

Whoever glances at successive maps of Africa must be struck by the rapidity with which names of territories have been changed within the last three hundred years. It is, however, what one might reasonably expect from Negroes incapable of self-control, living only for the gratification of momentary needs and leaving behind them absolutely no record of any achievement calculated to advance the cause of civilization. When we hear by our firesides of Negro wars we are apt to receive statements very much exaggerated and certainly calculated to make us feel that the Negro can be a most daring and dangerous enemy. No doubt he is such for a short time and under extraordinary circumstances, but taken as a race there is no more gentle servant and companion than a properly treated Negro. It has been my fortune to see something of him in the West Indies, in South America and in every State of the Uninted States. Comparing that type of Negro with the black man of South Africa as he appears between the Zambesi river and the Cape of Good Hope, I confess that I see very little difference, There are highly bred Negroes in America, as well as low-bred ones, and as slaves we know that their price varied enormously on this account alone; but I am confident that if a given number of Negroes were picked up haphazard from the different portions of Africa, and then brought to Virginia or Louisiana dressed after the manner of American Negroes, they would attract no more attention on the streets of New Orleans or Richmond than they do now along the Zambesi or the Caledon.—Poultney Bigelow, n Harper.

Logansport News.

Logansport, Ind., Special,

Last Sunday was quarterly meeting at the M. E. Church. Rev. H. H. Thompson preached at 2 p. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Thompson is well liked by all of the Logansport people. Sunday at the A. M. E. Church Rev. Murray of Indianapolis, preached a fine sermon at the A. M. E. Church Wednesday night. Janet Jones is much better. Henry Waterman has recovered from a serious attack of la grippe. Oscar Harris is on the sick list. Jane Garrison has recovered from an attack of la grippe.

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The C. H. & D. Commercial one thousand mile tickets, sold at $20.00 will hereafter be good on the following roads: Louisville, New Albany, and Chicago, New York, Chicago and St. Louis, Michigan Central between Toledo and Detroit, Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City, Terre Haute and Indianapolis, Baltimore and Ohio, west of Pittsburg and Benwood, B. and O. Southwestern, Peoria, Decatur and Evansville, Indianapolis, Decatur and Western, Cleveland, Terminal and Valley, N. Y., P. and O. Div. Erie, Pittsburg and Western, Dayton and Union, Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo, Findlay, Fort Wayne and Western, Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling.

Isham's Oriental America will sail for Europe April 1.

Billy Eldridge and wife, Jennie, are playing dates in the East.

Billy Young still heads the list of fun creators with Mahara's Minstrels.

Isham's Octoroons are playing to good business in Detroit, this week.

The Alabama Minstrels had a crowded house at Monmouth, Ill., last week.

W. C. Handy, of Mahara's Minstrels, is making quite a reputation as a cornet soloist.

"South Before the War." filled the house to the doors March 2, at Evansville, Ind.

The Black Patti Troubadours are booked to appear at Hartford, Ct., March 19-20.

Billy McClain, stage director with "Darkest America," has finished a 3-act musical comedy.

Ben Hunn is playing dates, he was on the bill at the Chicago (Ill.) Opera House, last week.

The Heardes did an excellent specialty turn at the Bijou Theatre, Des Moines, Iowa, last week.

Hillman & Perrin have received their musical chicken coop, which has proven to be the hit of their act.

Billy Farrell and wife closed with the Sheridan & Flynn's Big Sensation at Providence, R. I., March 7.

Richards & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels are playing to fine business in Washington, D. C., this week.

R. Byron Shelton, late member of Isham's Oriental America company, has opened a School of Music, at Indianapolis, Ind.

A. Phil Payn, jr., the California descriptive tenor soloist, will be with the Forepaugh-Sells Bros' Circus, the coming season.

Black Carl, late of Sam T. Jack's Creoles, is playing dates in the East; he was at the New Grand Theatre, Boston, last week.

"The Baby Carriage that Mother Used to Wheel," by Mr. Loyd, Sacremento, Cal., is being introduced with flattering success by Wm. Garland, of Mahara's Minstrels.

The American Colored Quartette now with Al Reeves' Big Burlesque company are receiving much applause for their excellent singing.

The Farrells—Billy and Willa, formerly of Sheridan & Flynn's Big Sensation company, are now playing dates; they are at Hammerstein's Olympia, New York City. this week.

Hillman & Perrin in their original musical act, entitled: "Washday in Music-ville" are meeting with much success. They are still with Richards & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels.

Williams & Walker will go from Koster & Bial's direct into the Keith circuit. Their farewell American appearance will be made at Keith's Union Square Theatre, April 10, after which they will sail for Europe.

Prof. Henderson Smith, bandmaster of "Darkest America" company, who has been sick for the past four weeks, and laid off at Greenville, Pa., has returned to the company. During his abscence Prof. Frank Patrick took charge of the band.

The New York Herald recently said: "'Twas a great walk; it was a dusky carnival of grace, merriment and poetry of motion. These images of the graces and muses, clad in array that blinded the eye and benumbed the senses, swept by like a river bearing upon its bosom flowers fair to look upon—Billy Farrell and by his side, graceful as Hebe, his wife glided, and were declared the first prize winners."

Richards & Pringle by adhering to the good old style of minstrelsy have established for themselves a reputation that any theatrical manager might well envy. For 25 years the visits of Richards & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels have been looked upon as a gala event; always clean, wholesome and good, their name has caused the largest theatres to be filled to overflowing. This season they have organized a company of genuine colored artists, culled from the ranks of all the best minstrel people on earth. Billy Kersands heads the list, this comedian has made more people laugh, and perhaps, receives the largest salary of any comedian—black or white—in the world to-day. The company travel in their own special Pullman car, and number over thirty people.

Lincoln School Entertainment

Meridian, Miss., Special.

The young girls attending the Lincoln school gave an entertainment at the school building on the 13th inst., to their gentlemen friends. The New Hope Baptist Church will have a rally at their Church on the fourth Sunday in March for the benefit of the Church. The mothers' meeting was largely attended at the Union Baptist Church, West End, on Sunday evening, the 14th inst., at 3 o'clock, lead by Mrs. M. Preston, subject, "Lend a Helping Hand." The President, Mrs. Susie Hunter, called on the ladies to make short talks. Quite a number responded. Rev. J. J. Jordon, the pastor, was called on to make a talk which was very good. The next meeting will be at Zion M. E. Church, led by Mrs. R. Logan. The meeting will take place on the 28th. Miss Sadie and Pearl Smith are in the city attending the Meridian Academy. The Young Men's Business club will give a grand supper at New Hope Baptist Church on Friday night, the 25th, Jos Gaston, who has been repairing watches here about a year, was arrested here last week for bigamy. He has a wife in Tuskaloosa, Ala, and married Lillie Edwards here about three weeks ago. The revival that commenced at the St. Paul M. E. Church on the 7th, is doing much good. Over thirty-five professed Christ. Rev. J. C. Hibbler, the pastor, has been ably assisted by Rev. S. W. E. Stanton, of the Zion M. E. Church, and J. C. Wilson. Willie Shoemaker, Jr., while playing Friday evening, the 12th, he accidently fell and kroke his arm. Dr. J. W. Holmes was called and dressed the broken member. Rev. W. H. Coleman preached a fine sermon at the A. M. E. Church Sunday at 3 p. m. His sermon was entertaining from beginning to end. Dr. Coleman is a power in the pulpit. The Presiding Elder, Rev. J. A. Davis, preached a splendid sermon at 7:30. Rev. C. L. Harris, pastor of the Congregational Church, preached a splendid sermon at his Church at 11 a. m. last Sunday to a large congregation. Dr. and Mrs. J. M. May are rejoicing over a new arrival at their home. It is a fine boy.

Personal Mention.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

Mr and Mrs. Willie Outlaw after spending several weeks in this city returned to Albany, Ga., on the 10th. Vanderbuilt Lighter died suddenly at Tusgeekee Normal school on the 8th. His remains was brought here and buried five miles in the country. Rev. R. T. Schell of this city spent several days last week in Atlanta, Ga. The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jackson March 10th and claimed for its victim their dear little infant. Rev. J W. Jackson officiated. Mr. Tom Turner of Montgomery, Ala., is the guest of his brother, Mr. Bennie Turner. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Gomley are great admirers of The Freeman. Mrs. Belle Caruthers of Clayton, Ala. spent several days in this city last week. Last Sabbath morning. Rev. W. C. Banton preached able sermon. Mrs. Anna Martin of Louisville, Ala., is in the city. Rev. John Harmon is conducting a revival at St. John A. M. E. Church. W. M. Davis of Harris, Ala, passed through Eufaula Monday enroute to Florence, Ga. It does seem that in a city the size of Eufaula, with as many intelligent colored people one could sell one hundred copies of an illustrated Negro newspaper. Let the people of this city wake up and learn to patronize their own enterprise, if not who do they expect to patronize them.

Wedding Bells.

Columbus, O., Special.

Mr. J. Brooks and Miss R. Brown were married at Mr. and Mrs. W. Fields on Talmage street. Wm. Copeland deputy sheriff of Hamilton, brought several prisoners to the peninten tiary. Mrs. O. H. Tate of Zanesville is visiting her son. Mr. Webster of Caloway street is very sick. Bert Craig and C. Story of Newark, spent a few hours in the city. Doc Howard, C. Barnett and several others start for Boston to work with the asphalt gang. Uncle John Winston, president of the Langston Club and Col. S. Shelton are going to take a trip East. McKinley House arrivals, C. Sims, W. B. Coxey, West Virginia, J. M. Moxley and wife, New York. St. Nichols arrivals, John Brown, W. Jones, P. Smith, Dalton Gant, South Carolina The retaining of the colored firemen under the King ordinance was defeated and colored applicants for enginers who have been running engines for the past ten years was declared incompetent by Hiemiller, the chief. Mrs. Fields sued Mr. E. Ball, administrator of W. Ball, for room rent.

Much Sickness.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

Rev. Mrs. Martin of South Bend, Ind., has returned home. Mrs. John Connor is better at this writing. Mrs. John Connor and mother, Mrs. Lenore are sick with the la grippe. The seventh day adventist held a three days meeting, closing the evening of the 14th Five ministers were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Burnett entertained eight during the meeting. Grace Means has been having the la grippe. Mr. Daniel Pool was buried last Monday the 8th.

Candidates For Justice of Peace.

Alton, Ill., Special.

At Hunter's Republican club last Wednesday evening Mr. I. H. Kelly was endorsed as candidate of justice of peace. Mr. Eugene Drew for assistant supervisor and Mr. George Fox constable. The petitions of Messrs. Wm. Hammond and Homer Joiner for positions on the fire department were endorsed. Miss Maggie Kelly is still at Anna Ill., and seems to take great interest in those people whose minds are wondering. The Epworth League of the A. M. E. Church rendered a fine program last Friday evening. Mr. Porter and Miss Mamie Poindexter were defeated in the debating exercises. The Baptist Literary Society also rendered a very interesting program last Thursday evening. Mrs. C. Knight is improving. Frank Hughes was confined at his home last week. S. R. D. Spencer has been in bad heath for the last few days. Peter Jackson, a youth of 17 years, died last Friday of typhoid fever. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon in Upper Alton. Subscribe and read The Freeman, Homer Joiner agent.—[Editor write on one side of the paper.

Woman's Mite Missionary Society

The Indiana Conference Branch of the Executive Board of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society met in Bethel A. M. E. church, Indianapolis, March 5. Mrs. Zella Johnson was elected secretary. Quite a number of ladies were present. The meeting was a very pleasant and profitable one. The business was to a great extent private. Many points of interest were discussed freely, and all present returned to their homes better prepared for work. Owing to the heavy rains and washouts on the J. M. & I. R. R., Miss Hattie Fossett, our corresponding secretary, could not be present. Rev. A. L. Murray of Allen Chapel, and Rev. T. Edwards of Portland kindly offered their churches as the next place for holding our Annual meeting. By a unanimous vote it was decided in favor of Allen Chapel, Indianapolis. The annaal meeting will be held June 3-4-5-6. A number of ladies who were formerly members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society were present, ready and anxious to work.

Rev. D. A. Graham not only welcomed the society to his beautiful church, but rendered them great assistance in their meetings. They were also favored with the presence of Presiding Elder Thompson who showed that he was heartily in sympathy with the work. In view of the hard times and the unorganized condition of the state, the president thought he would not be able to send any money to Bro. Parks, Missionary Secretary, before the next annual meeting, at which time great efforts will be made along financial lines. After the executive board adjourned the committee on program met. Mrs. M. A. Teister, the president, was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. D A. Graham, Mrs. Ratliffe, first vice president, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Hall.

Personal Mention.

Hamilton, O., Special.

The young ladies sewing circle was entertained Thursday by Miss C. Riley. Rev. and Mrs. Collins of Walnut Hills, O., spent the former part of last week here visiting friends. The ladies sewing circle was entertained by Mrs. C. Conway. The ladies of the Payne Chapel A. M. E. Church are making great preparations for an expensive bazar in the near future. It promises to be the greatest hit of the season. The annual Odd Fellows sermon was preached last Sunday evening by Rev. Coleman. The remains of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis of Indianapolis were brought here last Sunday and buried.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL SERMON.

Promotion of a Worthy Citizen—Suddenly Called Away—Grand Social Event—Postponment.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Rev. H. H. Harris, of the Zion Baptist Church, was called away very suddenly last Saturday to Boston, Mass., his former charge, to preach the funeral of one of the male members. His pulpit was filled by Rev. I. W. Smith, of the Avondale Baptist Church, who preached two eloquent sermons. Harry E. Williams, who is employed as messenger to the Auditor of Adams Express company, has been promoted with increased salary. Bishop Vincent preached his annual sermon to the congregation of the St. Andrews Mission, and also administered the rite of confirmation to two candidates The services were held at St. Paul's Church with quite a large number present. The congregation and pastor, Rev. McGuire, are very grateful to Prof. Trotter who so kindly performed on the organ in the absence of their organist. Owing to the condition of the President of the Paul Dunbar's Reading club, J S. Fielding, the meeting was postponed until next Thursday evening, which convenes at the residence of Miss Mattie Harris, 730 W. Fourth street. Rev. Dr. R. E. Wilson, of the St. John A. M. E. Zion Church, was out of the city last week attending district conference, and on last Sunday filled his pulpit, preaching two eloquent sermons. Rev. I. W. Smith, of Avondale Baptist Church, is holding revival meetings. The rite of Baptism was administered last Sunday evening at Union Baptist Church. One of the finest and most social affairs was given at the residence of Mrs. M. Goles, Tuesday evening, the 9th, inst., given by Misses Mamie Gales, Henrietta Payne, Katie Gales, Lilly Woodward. Al. Taylor and Henry White were visitors from Lexington. Among those present were Laz. Ascue, J. H. Clark, John Stares, Al. Jones, Annie Moreland, Anna Johnson, Chas. Page, Rhodie Page, given in honor of Al. Taylor and Harry White, Alex. Tribble. John Gale, Horace Allen, Ollie Stewart, Gracie Arms, Eva Turner, Mamie Clark, Jessie Bullet, Alice Bowen, McRuthford, Wm. Hord, Robert Thompson, Miss L. Carter. Music by Prof. W. Garret, of Lexington, who was the visiting guest of Miss M. Gales.

Accumulating Wealth.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Charlie Jackson of Fifth street, died last Thursday after a long illness. His funeral took place at Fifth Street Church last Sunday, Rev. Frank officiating. Mrs. Mary Lewis died at her home in Green street Sunday at 4 a. m. Funeral preached at Calvary Baptist church Monday. The Hancock Street Christian church baptized quite a number of converts last Sunday. Calvary Baptist church will have baptizing to-morrow. William Davis and Miss J. B. Hubbert, members of Fifth Street Baptist Church were united in marriage last Thursday. James Cosby, Louisville's champion light weight pugilist, has declared his avowal to meet all comers. The night school of Isaac S. Lair, 1502 Second street is meeting with success. Mrs. C. C. Bates is doing some creditable work among the children of the state in order that the work of education might be continued at the University. The colored people of this city have found out the importance of getting property. A few years more and their recognition will be certain. W. H. Lawson was elected cloak room keeper during the Legislature.

QUEEN RANAVALONA THE III

MISFORTUNES OF AN INTERESTING, BUT MISGUIDED WOMAN.

Her Career as Ruler of Madagascar—Exiled by the French to the Island of Reunion—A Reign of Fourteen Years.

London, Eng., Special.

Much sympathy is felt in certain quarters for Ranavalona III, the Queen of Madagascar, who has been exiled by France, which country recently conquered her domain, to the Island of Reunion, a French colony. When a European power conquers a barbarous country the policy usually followed, if the ruler of that country has any considerable influence, is nominally to retain him in power and secure all his influence for the new regime. Queen Ranavalona III has been on the throne fourteen years, and she is 36 years old. There is plenty of evidence that she has been regarded by her subjects with more than ordinary loyal love. She has been almost revered as a deity by many of them; and the very fact that a large part of her people have been loyal to her has now led to her downfall; for her hold upon the Hova nation has been used, not to help the French since they became masters at Madagascar, but to attempt to rebuild the fortunes of the Queen herself and of her courtiers.

This, at least, is what the French say. They assert that the revolts among the people, in which as many as twenty thousand men were engaged, were fomented and encourage by influential Hovas in the interest of the Queen. The result is that since September last the French have taken pains to make the Queen a mere nonenity in Malagasy affairs. She has lived in the palace, but her Hova flag was taken down and the French flag was run up in its stead. The French have condemned by courtmartial and shot for treason the Queen's uncle. When General Gallicui arrived at the capital and entered upon his duties as resident general he informed the Queen that it was not his place to call upon her, but was her duty to call upon him as the representative of France; and when she came he made her stand throughout the painful interview, while he sat in his chair. Very likely she would prefer, proud woman as she is, to be exiled to Reunion rather than to undego longer, among her old subjects, the humiliations that have been her lot within the past few months.

Ranavalona III is a religious and pure minded woman, but she has never been outside her Island until now, has lived in seclusion, and, though she has always been credited with excellent motives, she was misled, both before and after the war of France, by ignorant and corrupt advisers. She often said, and honestly believed, that her people would fight to the death rather than yield their country. Her husband was the prime minister, a crafty and eloquent man, more than twice as old as his royal wife. But Ranavalona had a will of her own, and of late years she has been more under the influence of her relatives than of her husband. He was a man of diplomacy and talent, and had he lived and been able to shield the Queen from foolish counselors after the war it is not likely that she would have been expelled from her country.

In person Ranavalona is slight and graceful, as nearly all the Malagasy woman, are and her features are pleasing and pretty rather than handsome, She is of by no means robust constitution, but is pale and delicate, and in that respect presents a striking contrast to her nearest female relatives, her oldest sister and an aunt, who are tall and well-formed women with ruddy chacks and red lips. In the mission school the budding Queen was known as a willful pupil, and she was actually expelled from her class for an act of disobedience by the English lady teacher. With good sense and candor, however, she confessed her fault, asked forgiveness and was received back into the school, where she completed her studies, learning, among other things, to read and write the English language fairly well, besides mastering the literature of her own. It would be flattery to say she was a brilliant scholar, but only the truth to tell she showed abilities equal to the best average of her class.

After the French captured the capital, Colonel Shirvington, an Englishman who had resigned the command of the Hova army because the Queen and her husband would not follow his advice with regard to the conduct of the campaign, predicted that the Queen would make further trouble for the French. "She is a very obstinate woman," he said, "and will always command a large following." The French have apparently decided that the best way to prevent her from causing them embarrassment in the future is to remove her from the country. She will probably never see her native land. It must at least be said of her that, while really Queen, she was just in her dealings with all white persons who showed a friendly spirit toward her people.

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MEN, AFFAIRS, MEASURES.

A few years ago any article from my pen was regarded with more or less suspicion because the majority of readers believed me to be simply a fault-finder. I was frequently centured, and was now and then taken in hand and reasoned with by those who sincerely thought my course to be unwise. Time has made a great change in the general opinion. Now when I write I feel confident that my articles will be read with impartial and unprejudiced care. I could not ask any more than this. What I write is not merely personal opinions, but is largely the expression of what older and wiser men have said in private conversation or public utterance. Our public men now and then let their real opinions creep out in their speeches. You can easily pick out the candid utterances and separate them from the gush, cant and flattery. Our public men are slowly but surely becoming candid and manly and their public utterances are thus increasing in value. The whole world takes the inaugural speech of the president as a candid expression of his views, and bases upon it calculations as to what will be his future actions. There are but few of our public men whose public utterances can be safely taken as an indication either of their actual opinions or their future actions. Our leaders usually speak to please, to get applause; they seldom address themselves to the convictions but almost always try to "sweep their audience with them." It is for this reason that the more intelligent portion of the race care little for public speeches, and are but slightly influenced by them. The average "great Negro" when making a public speech is thinking about "making a hit," and not about teaching the people to take higher views of great truths. There are but very few "great Negroes," who ever take a stand for conviction's sake when such a stand is unpopular. It is only now and then that you run across a prominent Afro-American who is high enough in the scale of real manhood to be above the sway of vanity.

It is not known who first expressed the idea of having the A. M. E. church to furnish the Bible to be used in the inauguration of President McKinley, but it was Bishop Arnett who put it into effect. It is a big thing—a much bigger thing than many realize. To undertake to point out the value of this move would be foolish. To have been thus recognized means more to the race than did the appointment to office of any Afro-American who has ever drawn a salary from Uncle Sam. Bishop Arnett has done for his church three great things, viz: placed it high in the United Societies of Christian Endeavor, placed it high in the World's Parliament of Religions, and placed it high among the Christian bodies of America by securing for it such recognition in the inauguration ceremonies. As might be expected from the niggerish element envy breaks out. Some try to raise a great kick because the Bible cost the general treasury $100. Others in true plantation darkey style say, "Bish'up Ar'net think he big; he's mi'ty peart a spen'ing our money an' a trying to git his boy inter off'us." Even some of his colleagues have been weak enough to "say things." Had it not have been for the astute Bishop Turner a narrow-minded fellow would have set up a yell through one of the church papers. There are Bishops who travel on free passes and then draw $100 for traveling expenses from the widow and orphan fund. That is the kind of extravagance to get after. What Bishop Arnett has done is for the benefit of the entire race as well as of his church. When Bishop Arnett did his great work at the Parliament of Religions, Bishop Derrick, then Dr. Derrick, with that broadness of view for which he is distinguished, put through a plan by which the church gave Bishop Arnett a gold medal. This cost Bishop Derrick nearly one hundred dollars out of his own pocket. Another general officer confiscated about fifty dollars for expenses. Bishop Arnett may not get another medal but he has done a splendid thing and will be appreciated. These fellows who kick at Bishop Arnett should pitch in and do something themselves. They can get the same praise that they begrudge to him if they can do as much to deserve it. It may be true that Bishop Arnett is very liberal in his notions about disbursing money, but when it is for such a purpose as the McKinley Bible, no man can object without writing himself down as a "fool."

Among the people Bishop Grant and Bishop Derrick are great favorites. This has aroused much jealousy and on several occasions has caused some persons to make themselves ridiculous. There is absolutely no use for one big man to envy another big man. Bishop Grant and Bishop Derrick will shine, each in his own way, no matter how others may try to hinder it. If they are side tracked on great public occasions, the people always attribute it to the envy of less able persons, and think more of their favorites than ever. Each person should be himself and not envy another. Who can rival Bishop Turner in his line, Bishop Arnett in his, Bishop Embry in his, Bishop Handy in his, Bishop Tanner in his? Each Bishop has a distinct individuality and all others should seek to give each full sweep. No other Bishop was jealous of Bishop Ward, no other Bishop ever thought of trying to excel him in his line. Bishop Ward stood without a peer in one line, Bishop Brown in another. It will be a century before the race can produce another Bishop Ward, Bishop Brown and others like these men, but we now have those who in their own lines are still greater. It is foolish for the inferior men to undertake to bring their superiors down to their level. Let each Bishop have freedom to be himself. Some are greater characters than others, let each star have its own glory. You cannot turn the lion hearted Turner into a conservative Lee. Bishop Lee is a scholar and a philosopher and respects rule and reason; Bishop Turner is a warrior and knows no higher rule than his own convictions; he who would not let a vast ocean stop him will not halt to obey a rule of grammar. You cannot convert the genius of Grant into the methodic type of a scholarly Tanner. Bishop Grant catches his inspiration from the lightning, Bishop Tanner digs his out of the book. Bishop Tanner is concerned about Greek roots, theological dogmas, ecclesiastical usages; Bishop Grant wants to see oceans crossed, rivers bridged, mountains leveled, valleys exalted. Bishop Tanner can do his work with rule and precedent; Bishop Grant, like Bishop Ward, must marshall the tremendous forces of oratory and batter down the Alps of prejudice. Let each excel in his own way. You cannot cast a Derrick in any other mold, he is himself. He could no more follow than could Napoleon. He is by nature of a kingly type. He is at home with princes. He cannot be small, tame or mean. He is a man of lofty character and of high and noble soul. He treats a beggar like a prince, he lifts up every man who comes near him. If he goes into a cabin, that cabin becomes a palace. There is that about him which ennobles and dignifies everything around him. There is no use telling lies about such a man, he will live and the liar will die and be buried beneath his falsehoods. There is no use trying to bring an eagle down to the barnyard, nor seek to turn a lion into a fox. Let each of our Bishops be himself and be himself fully. Each is a great man or he never would have become a Bishop. The gauntlet of the A. M. E. church cannot be successfully run by any unworthy man. The man who gets to be Bishop in the A. M. E. church can never be spoken of in history as a small man. The race should know this, the church should feel it. Back of each Bishop lay years of such labor, such trials as would demolish any but a great man. Each man who is a Bishop became such because he was a great man; he is a Bishop because he is great, not great because he is Bishop. Think it over.

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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Ah! thanks awfully.

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PROCLAMATION!

Know all Afro-American men and women (and others) by these present, that in view of the above request found in a "stanza" of a poem (?) from the august pen of W. R. B. Alexander of the Bailiwick of Lincoln in the Province of Nebraska, (a Free Silver State which combers the progress of "our" realm) and published in our royal official newspaper, The Freeman, of the date of Feb. 27, 1897, "we," B. Square, self-coronated Prince of Negro humor and heir apparent, from "our" own point of view—there are others, to the throne of Negro authorship, do hereby declare, announce and proclaim "ourself" the "greatest writer" black, white, grizzly or gray that now lives, has lived, or ever will live, and the race in general and the readers of the Bluster column of The Freeman in particular are requested to "take off their hats" to "us," now henceforth, and until this edict is revoked, or show cause why they should not do so.

Given under "our" hand and sealed with fun, merriment and humor at our literary "den," located at 172 Sumpter street in the city of Brooklyn, in the state of New York, this the 27th day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and the first day of our exclusiveness as "greatest writer."

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The above "proclamation" setting forth the "greatness" of the author of this "Bluster" is hereby revoked. Forget it, but remember that

"A little nonsense now and then
Is relished by the best of men."

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"I want to see
Doc. M. A. Majors write no verse;
His prose is bad, his verse is worse."
—W. R. B. Alexander, Poet Lowrate.

Yes, Bro. Alexander, "there are others" we want to see write no verse (?) present company excepted if "present company" will do it no more. Return to plain prose and the past will be forgiven and perhaps forgotten.

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Purely personal: Persons interested or otherwise are hereby respectfully informed that the address of Augustus M. Hodges is until further notice, 172 Sumpter street, Brooklyn, N. Y., where letters, papers and other mail matter should be sent. Sandy Anderson of Minneola, —— is also hereby informed that his letter was duly received, but as the state could not be made out at the head of the letter or from the postmark on the envelope it was not answered. The postmark was blurred and the writing in the body of the letter was—well, Sandy, you are a bright boy, but you must improve in your writing. Write again and make the name of your state plain. To other correspondents whose letters reached Brooklyn while I was out of town I will say that they will be answered in a few days.

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I would respectfully ask all editors and publishers of Afro-American newspapers, outside of New York, whose eyes meet this paragraph to kindly send me a late issue of their publications. It will be of interests to those who comply. To those who would like to know the "whys and wherefores" I can only say that I contemplate a new move upon the literary chessboard. I cannot tell in what direction at present for fear some other literary or newspaper personage will borrow my ideas. Send me a copy of your paper, brother quill-driver, and you will not regret it.

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"'Tis sweet to hear the watchdog's honest bark, bay deep-mouthed welcome as we draw near home; 'tis sweet to know there is an eye will mark our coming and look brighter when we come." It is also sweet to travel incog and hear what people who know you only by name or by your bluster in the newspapers have to say about you; to hear your self "damned with faint praise," damned without any praise, and praised without any condemnation. In order to enjoy these comments, however, and get the "sweetness" out of the same, you must not be an ardent admirer of yourself; you must be schooled into the belief that you are not perfect; that you can and do make mistakes, that others can and do see. When you have reached these conclusions you will be instructed, surprised and amused by what people say about you in your hearing when they know you only by your sayings or doings they have seen in public print.

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I was in a barber shop in a Southland town a few weeks ago when I noticed The Freeman on file there. There were several quite intelligent looking men in the shop awaiting their turns. We entered into a general conversation upon the merits and demerits of The Freeman and its correspondents. At last I asked one wise looking old gentleman what he thought about "B. Square." The venerable sage told me that he had long since concluded that B. Square was the greatest colored writer in the world, and by seemingly logical argument tried to convince me he was right. As I left the barber shop the musical words of this old father "greatest colored writer in the world" were still in my ears and I whispered softly to myself: "Perhaps I am."

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A few days later I was in the company of several literary persons in another town. They all were of course readers of The Freeman. We were debating the questions of the day when I asked one of the company, a bright young Miss who was a school teacher, her opinion of B. Square and his writings. She informed me that she thought he was an admirer of himself, and filled with self-conceit and imagined he knew it all. These facts, she said could be plainly seen by anyone intelligent enough to read between the lines of his writings. To prove that she was right, Miss —— excused herself from the company, went to her room and brought a late copy of The Freeman containing one of my many "greatest efforts of my life," and commenced to prove to the company, (in a way only a woman could do) by "reading between the lines" and pulling the lines in pieces, that I was self-conceited. She ended by saying, 'I think sir, you are convinced that Mr. Hodges although a logical writer is full of self conceit?" With a sad heart I said to myself: "Perhaps I am."

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That afternoon I was talking with a colored business man of the same town and I felt inspired to get his opinion of my business writings and teachings. "I have read them, Mr. ——," he said and am convinced that fellow is a knave." I was disagreeably surprised at his conclusion and hurriedly walked away, saying sadly: "Perhaps—I—am."

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When I turned my face Northward a few days later I had the good fortune to meet the Rev. ——, a well read Methodist minister, who told me that B. Square was a fool—a plain unvarnished fool—to write such business (?) articles as he had written in the past year, as the ideas he advanced were impracticable. "The race problem can never be solved by wealth—B. Square is a fool." During the stillness of the night as I ruminated over the Rev. ——'s words, believing that ministers of Christ were called only to proclaim the truth, I re-echoed the conclusions of the past: "Perhaps I am."

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Three nights ago my literary friend, Edward Elmore Brock, and I sat at a little round table in a quiet corner of a quiet "place" far from "the madded crowd." We were smoking our pipes, or at least he was smoking a cigar, and I a pipe and drinking down, up or in, (whichever you prefer) the good things found in a new high class magazine—in fact we were having a quiet literary feast—when I asked: "Now Ed., honor bright, what do you think of me as a writer? Out with your private opinion, old man!" His reply was: "Well, Gus, to be honest, I agree with Miss ——, whose literary opinion is worth three times its weight in gold, that you are quite a philosopher; all your writings are pointed, impartial, logical, and philosophical; yes, you are quite a philosopher, Gus." I could not curb the joy that filled my heart, neither could I curb my lips from saying aloud: "Perhaps I am."

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As I write this, however, my limited reasoning faculty forces me to see that a man (even if he is a newspaper writer and a staff contributor to The Freeman) can not be a "great" writer, a self-conceited fellow, a knave, a fool, and a philosopher, all at the same time. So I have concluded that perhaps all these judges are wrong; perhaps I am neither. Then again, perhaps a little of each of these ingredients is in my make-up. Perhaps one way, or perhaps the other, still I shall continue to grind out my "Bluster" at the old stand or rather new one, 172 Sumpter street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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While we are upon the subject, let me say that it is not good to express your opinion of persons you never met to strangers you do not know:

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Of whom you speak, to whom you speak,
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The A. M. E. church held quarterly meeting on Sunday, the 28th ult., which was well attended. Rev. Jason Bundy, P. E. of the St. Paul district, was present and preached at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. His sermons were delivered with great force and earnestness, making profitable and lasting impressions upon all who heard him. At 3 p. m. the pastor, Rev. R. Knight, delivered the sacramental discourse. There were four persons baptized by sprinkling, and one received into full membership of the church. This church has greatly improved both in spiritual and financial condition in the last three months. Rev. Mendenhall is still carrying on his revival meeting. Communion was held at the Second Baptist church the 7th inst. Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Ashford and sister, of Bedford, were in the city. Little Ethel Cartmill, Luther Brown, Leo Mendenhall and Letta Cartmill are ill with the whooping cough.

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Dr. R. F. Boyd of Tennessee will no doubt be the next surgeon-in-chief of of the Freedmen's Hospital. Senator B. K. Bruce will get a good position. It is rumored that the son of Bishop Arnett is not a candidate for the Registarship of the Treasury, but for the Recorders Office of the District of Columbia.

Hon. E H. Deas of Darlington, S. C., is in the city. He has been suffering from an attack of la grippe.

C. C. STEWART.

BRYAN'S PAPER.

The Editor Again Restored to Health

Mr. George W. Hervey, editor of the Weekly Omaha World-Herald, is a perfect picture of health and looks more like the Hervey of other days. To see him now, one can hardly believe that he has been such a great sufferer. He writes of his failing health and recovery, in his characteristic way as follows:

"For several years I was troubled with indigestion so severe as to make it impossible to take more than two meals a day without intense suffering. I grew worse gradually until, July 1895, I was suddenly attacked with increased pain and soreness over the pit of my stomach and sharp pains in my right side which rapidly increased until I could scarcely get my breath. A physician was called for immediate relief and hypodermic injections of morphine were resorted to for relief. I was able to be out in about a week but had a second attack the following August, more intense than before. I was reduced from 156 to 134 lbs. in nine days and left wholly unable to take any nourishment. I lived on lime water and a very little milk for several days after. For one year I carried morphine pellets in my pockets ready for an emergency. All this time my stomach was sore and very sensitive. I discovered that what would agree with my stomach this week would probably not next week and that I was getting nearer and nearer to a final collapse. I consulted 3 of the best physicians in the state and two agreed fully as to my ailment but failed to give me relief. Having utterly failed to obtain relief, I finally made arrangements to go to Chicago to be treated when my little boy chanced to get a sample package of Dr. Kay's Renovator which he brought to me. I was induced to try it, not having the least faith in its virtues. I thought the sample relieved me and I purchased a 25 cent box. Before it was all used I had so improved that I was taking three meals a day, which I had not done for years. I then used one package of the large Dr. Kay's Renovator and one more of the small size. It is eight months since I commenced using Dr Kay's Renovator and I now have no symptoms whatever of my old trouble. I have recommended it to many of my friends for stomach trouble and I think all have reported relief." Geo W. Hervy, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17, 1897. Dr. Kay's Renovator is sold by druggists or sent by mail for 25 cts. and $1. Booklet free Dr. B. J Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb. Sold by H. C. Pomeroy, opp. post office.

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PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Dr. Wesley Robbins has located in Bay City, Mich.

Miss Ada B. Harris is recovering from a serious illness.

New bargains each day at Marcy's great fire sale. See advertisement in this issue.

D. D. Hunter of the Informer, Louisville, Ky., paid our office a visit this week.

Prof. T. D. Scott, principal of the Xenia, O., schools gave us a very pleasant call last week.

I. E. Garvin of Rowlett, Ky., and C. C. Garvin of Mammoth Cave, Ky., are visitors in the city.

Miss Osee Towles, a teacher in the Xenia, O., schools, was a guest of Mrs. Carrie White last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fisher, of Denver, Colo., will return here for permanent residence next month.

Nothing reserved in the great Marcy fire sale. New stock added daily, all of which go in at this sale.

The great fire sale as Marcy's Jewelry Store still continues. Silverware, silver novelties, etc., at factory prices.

John Bell and Miss Mamie Ewing were married at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Margaret Worthington, 24 Mill street last week Rev. Graham officiating.

An excellent musical and literary program will be rendered at the reception given at Simpson Chapel on the 25th in honor of their pastor, Rev. L. M, Hagood. Public invited.

Mrs. Mary Morton, of Cincinnati, O., who attended the funeral of Jesse Turner, after spending several days with the family of Nathan Pierce in Senate avenue, has returned to her home.

Seats for the Grand Opera at Cincinnati, one week, beginning March 29th., can be obtained through any C. H. & D. Ry. Ticket Agent, either season tickets or for one night. The best available seats will be secured at the time of application.

An elegant social hop chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs J. D. Porter, was given last Monday evening at the academy corner 22nd and Illinois street. The sweet Terpsichorean strains dispersed by Panden Bros'. Orcnertra were inspiring and all present enjoyed themselves.

Dr. Matthew Williams who left this city 17 years ago is again in the city. He traveled extensively after graduating in medicine in Washington, D.C. He is a product of the Indianapolis schools. He will locate in this city.

Our city schools were visited last week by fifty teachers of Xenia, O. The following were the colored teachers: Misses Selina C. Gaines, Laura V. Phelps, Carrie E. Butler, Mattie P. Crousman, Charles A. Breckenridge, Lucretia A. Willis, Osee Towles, Mesdames Lyda A. Scott, Lucy J. Meredith, and Mr T. D. Scott principal of colored High school. They were entertained by the Supt. of schools and Mayor Taggart, and report a pleasant time.

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In Memory of W. J. Turner.

"We cannot think you dead,
But only that you've traveled far,
So far, and while our path on earth has lonlier grown,
Our sky has gained a star."

William Jesse Turner, son of Eliza and Harvey Turner, was born in Jeffersonville, Ind., Nov. 27, 1866. Died March 10, 1897, age 30 years, 3 months, 11 days. His early life was spent in Madison, Ind, where he acquired what education he could while sharing in the support of his widowed mother. The family removed to Indianapolis in the year 1882. In July 1892 he was married to Miss Martha Elizabeth Pierce, to whom he proved a loving and faithful husband. The illness which resulted in his death began in the spring of '95, since which time he has been a great sufferer. He took his bed on Thursday March 4, and patiently awaited the end. During a revival conducted by Rev. T. W. Henderson in the winter of '93-'94 he manifested a desire to become a christian, and never after ceased prayer and solicitation abouts soul. On Tuesday March 9, feeling that the end was near, he requested his wife to send for Rev. Graham, whom he desired to pray with him. He afterward requested his wife and mother to pray with him, and his wife to sing to him "The Lord is my Shepherd I Shall not Want," and "Blessed Assurance." When they had finished he assured those about his bedside that all was well with him, that his physical suffering no longer disturbed him, but that all was peace and calm. In temperament he was gentle and sincere, and strove to live an earnest, upright life. His devotion to his mother from his earliest years was a marked feature of his life, and he also endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He leaves a wife, a mother, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

For Alpha Home.

"Heaven helps those who helps themselves."

On last Thanksgiving Day the president of the Alpha Home was asked by a white man why she came to his race for donations, since it was the Negro race to be benefitted? A benefit will be given for the Alpha Home April 13 at 8:15 p. m. at Bethel A. M. E. church. Let us show a disposition to help ourselves and others will help us. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

A New Custodian.

John W. Vest has been appointed custodian of the Indiana State House by Governor Mount in place of Timothy Griffin a Democrat, who has held the place for time out of mind. Mr. Vest is a Republican who has been long identified with the Republican party. He is friendly to the colored people. It is more than probable that several colored men will find places under him.

OBITUARY.

Father Ingram one of Allen Chapel's oldest members was buried last Friday.

Mrs. Pool died at her home in Howard street last Monday. Funeral occurred Thursday afternoon at Second Baptist church.

The remains of Little Alice Jameson were brought here from Winchester Thursday the 11th, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Dora Jameson. The funeral services were held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Benj. Farrell officiating.

Jack Weaver died last Thursday of consumption. His funeral was held Saturday at St. Paul's church corner New York and Illinois streets. He leaves a wife and child.

Mrs. Tillie Geiger, nee Gaten, died in Chicago last week. Her remains were brought home for burial last Tuesday. She leaves a husband, baby, mother and a number of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Francis lost their infant son last Thursday. The body was taken to Hamilton, O., for burial.

Who Are They?

To the citizens of Indianapolis: The Freeman would like as a matter of curiosity and to settle a very much mooted question, have you forward to this office within the next ten days the names of three colored citizens who you think are the greatest benefactors, or who assists the race most largely and your reasons for the same.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

Oh
Mister
Policeman
Turn me loose
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But a good excuse.

The truant husband admitted that it was too much "booze," and without delay chirped beneath wifie's window, "Kiss and let's make up."

A dashing looking set of young club men, who perhaps earn about $2 per week, style themselves, "We working boys."

Does it take two to make the bargain? "I believe I'll marry that girl" sounds rather dubiously. Go ahead, old chap—be brave.

Well, its a good thing it happened—better for all concerned—might have been worse.

"Shine" has returned to his old home in Twelfth street, where he will spend the summer in durance vile.

The "Sheeny's" dummy was on dress parade Sunday.

A new colored business house opened its doors to the public a few weeks ago, and the genial proprietor bids fair to travel the road to prosperity. However, it is hoped that the unemployed, who are already "cornering" in front of his business place, will not thus retard him by their loud, ungainly conversations, thereby causing him to vacate. Move on, boys.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Womack preached at 11 a. m. last Sunday, subject "The Church."

The Willing Workers gave a social last Friday night at Mrs. Brummel's residence in North West street for the benefit of the church.

The Cicilan Floral Club met in literary session at the church Friday night and discussed "Resolved, That Education is more beneficial than Money."

BETHEL A. M. E. NOTES.

"Lessons from Jackson and Walling's End" will be the topic of Rev. D. A. Graham's discourse next Sunday evening. Last Sunday the pastor preached morning and evening from the first sentence of the Lord's prayer, Next Sunday morning he will take the second sentence for his subject. Many visitors were present last Sunday. A Junior Y. P. S. C. E. has been organized with thirty-six members. Mrs. D. A. Graham is superintendent, and Miss Julia Brown, president.

Rev. D. A. Graham went to Marion Tuesday to address a class of converts.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

The orchestra again made its appearance in the Sabbath school last Sunday and will continue to play each Sabbath. The school was well attended.

Elder Blackshear deserves much credit for the earnest and untiring efforts he is putting forth. His sermon Sunday morning was excellent. One addition to the church.

To-morrow in connection with the Sunday school there will be a missionary service held by this school for the benefit of the African Mission. The exercises will begin at 10 a. m. with a program prepared by the African Mission Board. Public invited.

At the close of services next Sunday morning there will be baptising in the church by Rev. Blackshear.

The ladies representing the Temperance Union was present last Sunday, and laid their work before the church with a view of organizing.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Miss Mamie White, Mrs. Ella Williams and Mrs. Susie Steeple are on the sick list.

Rev. King preached an instructive sermon last Sunday. There were three additions to the church.

Rev. Murray spent a few days in Logansport and Crawfordsville last week.

The Missionary Society held quite an interesting meeting last Sunday. Papers were read by Miss Lola Skelton and Miss Estella Carey. Solo by Mrs. Lizzie Bush.

The Christian Endeavor was lead last Monday night by Miss Eva Mitchell. It will be led next Monday night by Miss Lucy Reed.

Convert's reception next Wednesday evening, March 24. All invited.

Rev. Murray and a few of his members held meeting last Sunday afternoon in Mrs. Lucy Davis' restaurant on Ft. Wayne avenue. The house was crowded. Many persons were effected, and one was was happily converted.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The five o'clock prayer meeting is still progressing.

Sunday school was well attended last Sabbath. Collection $2.75.

Services were well attended last Sunday all day. Rev. Carr preached. Collection $58.

Mrs. Davis in Shelby street is convalescent.

Mrs. Brewer in Hiawatha street is still on the sick list.

Rev. J. W. Carr is in Chattanooga, Tenn., attending a series of meetings.

There will be a "Rat Trap" party given by the Orinocos at this church on the 25th. Music by Prof. Easley's orchestra.

The Orinoco's were entertained by Mrs. M. Kinchen in Agnes street. "Which has the most influence for good Love or Law," was discussed by Misses Captolia Hayden and Tena Steele, affirmative, and Mrs. Lizzie Bruner and Mrs. Peters, negative.

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